**Veterinary Technologist Externship**

**Position Description:**

This intensive externship is designed to provide final-year Animal Health Technologist and Veterinary Technology students with experience working with the Ocean Wise Vancouver Aquarium’s over 6,000 species of animals, which include marine mammals, fish, birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates.

Students will observe and assist the technicians and veterinarians in all aspects of veterinary care (exams, treatments, and routine laboratory procedures) and learn medical/husbandry techniques unique to species at the aquarium along with the challenges of caring for animals from varying environments.

**Due to the nature of the placement, hands on experience may be limited.**

The work environment includes, but is not limited to, behind the scenes areas and animal habitats as well as office time. It may include work in wet, slippery areas, hot and humid areas, variable temperature and weather conditions. Locations may also vary between Vancouver Aquarium veterinary facility, Marine Mammal Rescue Centre (MMRC) and the Open Water Research Facility.

**Eligibility:**

Successful Applicants should be:

- Currently enrolled in their final year of study in a veterinary technician program from an accredited institution
- Intending to pursue a career in aquatic and exotic animal medicine
- In good academic standing
- Extremely self-motivated with a desire for continuous learning and able to work well in both independent and team settings
- In good physical shape (able to lift 25kg with ease, work in tight spaces, and stand for long periods of time), and be comfortable working both indoors and outdoors in all weather conditions
- Comfortable around blood and medical procedures

**Externship Dates:**

Veterinary Externships are offered from **March - Sept** of each year.

Students should plan to spend two weeks at the Vancouver Aquarium.

Number of students accepted per year varies.

**Application Period:**

- Veterinary Technician Externship applications are open from Sept 1st – Nov 15th prior to placement dates in the next year.

**Ocean Wise Mission Statement:**

Our mission is to inspire the global community to become Ocean Wise by increasing its understanding, wonder, and appreciation for our oceans.

**How To Apply:**

1. Register in the Volunteer Impact Database (on our webpage or through: [http://bttr.im/is01c](http://bttr.im/is01c))
2. Select ‘Veterinary Technologist Externship’ in the drop-down menu when prompted.
3. **Upload** your Application Documents:
   a. Resume/CV
   b. Letter of Interest

   **Your letter of interest should include:**
   
   i. Which placement you wish to participate in
   ii. What experience you have
   iii. What you hope to gain from the placement and your career goals
   iv. How you heard about the placement
   v. Dates of availability for externship

4. Submit via **EMAIL**: 2 Letters of Reference (NOTE: Please have your referees send their letters of reference directly to vettech@ocean.org)

**Questions? Inquiries?**

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****incomplete applications will not be considered**

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