

Veterinary Externship

Position Description:

This intensive externship is designed to provide Veterinary students in their clinical year(s) 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 assist veterinarians and veterinary staff with monitoring cases, participate in daily rounds, develop treatment options and diagnostic and surgical procedures as required, assist husbandry personnel, participate in necropsies, assist with laboratory work, assist with the rehabilitation of rescued marine mammals, and will be responsible for conducting a literature review on a veterinary topic of their choice relevant to the Vancouver Aquarium externship experience.

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 and the Marine Mammal Rescue Centre (MMRC).

Eligibility:

Successful Applicants should be:

- Currently enrolled in a veterinary program and in their clinical year(s) of veterinary studies at the time of their stay at the Vancouver Aquarium
- In good academic standing
- In good physical shape (able to lift 25kg with ease) and be comfortable working both indoors and outdoors in all weather conditions

Priority is given to Canadian Applicants

Externship Dates:

Veterinary Externships are offered from **April 1 to October 15** of each year. Students should plan to spend two to four weeks at the Vancouver Aquarium.

Priority for choosing time slots is according to rank during the selection process.

Application Period:

- **Veterinary Externship applications are due by March 30, ONE year prior to the planned externship.** (For example, applications for 2019 externships are due by March 30, 2018.)
- Students will be notified of their acceptance into the program by **June 30th**, one year prior to the planned externship.

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>)
2. Select 'Veterinary 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. What experience you have
 - ii. What you hope to gain from the placement
 - iii. How you heard about the placement
 - iv. Your career goals
4. Submit via **EMAIL**: 2 Letters of Reference (NOTE: Please have your referees send their letters of reference **directly** to Martin.Haulena@ocean.org or Amelia.Gould@ocean.org).

** incomplete applications will not be considered**

Questions? Inquiries?

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