

# National Aquarium Internship Program

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the National Aquarium's Internship Program?

The National Aquarium's Internship Program provides paid, hands-on learning experiences for individuals interested in gaining professional skills while contributing to our mission. Interns work in role-specific placements and participate in structured opportunities for professional development and connection across the organization.

### Are internships paid?

Interns receive a \$3,000 stipend for 200 hours of service.

### What is the time commitment?

Interns complete 200 total hours over 10–12 weeks between June and August, 2026. Part-time scheduling will vary by role.

### Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older. Education requirements vary by position and will be outlined in individual internship postings.

### What is required?

Applicants must:

- Complete an application
- Submit a resume with their application
- Provide contact information for two references
- Be available to participate in Intern Orientation Week (June 1–5, 2026)

### Is orientation required?

Yes. Participation each day of Intern Orientation Week, June 1–5, 2026, is mandatory for all interns and marks the official start of the program.

### When is the application deadline?

Applications for Summer 2026 must be submitted by February 23, 2026.

## **When will applicants be notified of decisions?**

Applicants will be notified of acceptance decisions by **March 27, 2026**.

## **Where can I apply?**

Learn more and apply by visiting: <https://aqua.org/about/join-our-team>.

## **When does the internship begin?**

The internship program begins with mandatory orientation the week of June 1-5, 2026, followed by placement in host departments for the remainder of the summer.

## **Who can I contact with questions?**

Direct questions to [intern@aqua.org](mailto:intern@aqua.org).