

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.