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Career Information



What department is this position in?

Research & Conservation

What is the position's official job title?

Manager of Conservation Programs

Does this position require a college degree?

Yes, You need a BS and a Masters in a scientific field (mine is biology)

What kind of degree does this position require?

Master's or higher – can be research or conservation focused (mine is marine conservation and policy).



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Do you need any certifications outside of a degree for this position?

Data analysis certifications and SCUBA certification are helpful.

What does the average day look like for this position?

It varies from day to day. Most days are office based computer work but some days involve workshops (both participating and facilitating) or traveling for fieldwork. Computer work can include prepping for a species conservation planning workshop, analyzing data, or writing reports, among other things.



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Are there any internships that help to get this position?

Research based internships can be helpful.

Is there any way to volunteer or shadow with this position?

No, not solely this position, but Research & Conservation takes annual interns that work with the entire department.



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What path did you take to get to working at Georgia Aquarium?

I received my Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Georgia. After undergrad, I worked on whale watching and snorkeling vessels in Alaska and Hawaii before moving to Long Island, NY to attend graduate school at Stony Brook University where I received my Master of Arts in Marine Conservation and Policy. I began my Research & Conservation position at Georgia Aquarium upon finishing my graduate program.

What is your favorite part about working at Georgia Aquarium?

My colleagues, projects, and no two days being the same.