

Fish and Invertebrates

Aquarist



Q: Does the job require a degree, certification, or both?

A: Yes. Bachelor's Degree or higher in sciences are preferred, but any discipline is accepted, and a scuba certification

Q: Is there any way to intern, volunteer, or shadow with this position?

A: Yes to all! Georgia Aquarium offers internships in multiple departments during all three semesters.

Q: What path did you take to get to Georgia Aquarium?

A: I received a bachelor's degree in biology from University of Georgia. During my time in school, I did both an internship and a study abroad working with animals. After graduation, I was lucky enough to get a job at Georgia Aquarium right away.

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Q: What does your average day look like?

A: Each team is a little different, but in general, the morning starts with taking water samples and checking on all the exhibits and animals. Food needs to be prepped to feed all the animals. Dives happen each morning to clean and maintain the different habitats. All the animals get fed, some at particular times, others throughout the day. Some exhibits do training sessions with animals to get them to assist with their own care - things like swimming into a stretcher, or even flipping over for a voluntary blood draw or ultrasound. All the dishes have to be washed and spaces need to be cleaned. Records are kept for each training and feeding session to keep track of how all the animals are doing.

Q: What is your favorite part about working at Georgia Aquarium?

A: The animals. Georgia Aquarium has a lot of animals that you would not get to see at other facilities, and would also be hard for many people to see in their natural habitat. It gives a great opportunity to work with and learn about them.



Thank You