



Husbandry and Speciment Collection Internship

The ability to maintain aquaria and identify specimens are key skills that all marine biologists should have. The MarineQuest husbandry and specimen collection intern will gain and practice the 2 key skills. The MarineQuest lab consists of a touch tank, coral tank, and numerous self-sustaining education tanks with local NC fish species. MarineQuest also has an extensive specimen collection. Interns will maintain and expand our aquaria collection, help inventory and collect specimen for our collection as well as learn how to manage volunteers. The aim of this position is to give applicants a real world experience of what might be expected when working at an aquarium or museum.



Get to know MarineQuest's unique organisms!

Number of positions offered: 1 position fall semester & 1 position spring semester

How to apply: Any interested applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and essay of intent to marane@uncw.edu.

Deadline for application: August 10 for fall internships and December 10 for spring internships

Intern's Objectives/Career Goals:

To work as an aquarist or natural history curator.

MarineQuest's Objectives:

To provide UNCW students with experience in husbandry and natural history based on our mission:

"building on the strengths of UNCW faculty, staff and students we create academically enriching programs to provide youth with relevant university experiences, students with experiential and service learning opportunities"

Opportunities/Benefits for Intern:

- Gain experience and training on how to maintain saltwater fish tanks containing corals and local NC fish species
- Learn and maintain live culture (brine shrimp/rotifer/jellyfish)
- Practice curating of the MarineQuest specimen collection
- Manage and work with volunteers
- Complete IUCAC training
- Learn and practice DNER permitting for field collection

Requirements of Intern:

- Must have good academic standing and at least a standing Junior
- Must report to internship on time
- Required time commitment: 40 hours for ASL credit or 120 hours for practicum credit
- Demonstrate a willingness to learn. Ask questions – we are here to help you develop your knowledge and skills. Have a positive attitude 😊
- Complete all assignments in a timely manner and according to MarineQuest standards.