



MYSTIC AQUARIUM

Veterinary Externship

The veterinary externship program at Mystic Aquarium provides fourth-year veterinary students the opportunity to gain experience in aquatic animal medicine. Students are exposed to the veterinary care and husbandry of a diverse range of species including belugas, seals, sea lions, fish, invertebrates, sea turtles, terrestrial reptiles, penguins, amphibians, sharks and stingrays. Students assist the aquatic veterinary specialists with the medical management of aquarium animals as well as sea turtles and marine mammals in Mystic Aquarium's Animal Rescue Program. Students also participate in necropsy evaluations and clinical case rounds. Externs are responsible for completing a research project or literature review on an aquatic veterinary topic for presentation to veterinary staff. The veterinary externship is a non-paid position and students are responsible for arranging their own housing and transportation during their program.

Externship Scheduling:

Externships are 3-4 weeks in duration and offered during the months of September through May. **Applications are due by October 1st one year prior to the planned externship** (for example, externships for fall 2025 through spring 2026 school year are due by October 1st, 2024). Students will be notified of acceptance by December 31st. Once a student has been selected the program dates will be offered based on the students requested dates and aquariums availability.

Application:

- 1) Resume/Curriculum vitae
- 2) Letter of intent; please include a) your current experience in aquatic and zoo medicine b) why you believe this externship is valuable for your career goals, and c) three available time periods for an externship (in order of preference).
- 3) Veterinary school transcripts (unofficial is acceptable).
- 4) Two letters of reference from veterinarians familiar with your clinical experience and dedication for aquatic animal medicine, submitted directly from the letters author.

Application materials and additional questions should be submitted to Dr. Molly Martony (mmartony@mysticaquarium.org). Please note that incomplete applications will not be considered.