



Veterinary Internship in Aquatic Animal Medicine and Research

Mystic Aquarium offers a post graduate training position for veterinarians looking to specialize in aquatic animal medicine through a Veterinary Internship in Aquatic Animal Medicine and Research. The internship is a one-year position; however, in select cases extension to a second year is possible.

The Veterinary Intern will work under the mentorship and guidance of four ACZM board-certified staff veterinarians, contributing to the health and wellbeing of animals living at Mystic Aquarium in addition to those rescued by the Animal Rescue Program. The aquarium cares for an extensive collection of invertebrates, fresh and saltwater fishes, elasmobranchs, reptiles, amphibians, penguins, pinnipeds, and belugas, and responds to marine mammals and sea turtles in need of help along 1,000 miles of coastline, with the goal of rehabilitation and release back to the ocean. The well-appointed hospital and laboratory provide access and exposure to a wide range of diagnostic and therapeutic capabilities including in-house blood processing, digital radiography, portable ultrasound and endoscopy, computed tomography, and a state-of-the-art surgical suite. Supplemental education and training can be pursued at cooperating aquatic and zoological institutions. The Veterinary Intern will have an opportunity to develop teaching skills through work with veterinary students and occasional informal seminars for local high school and college students in collaboration with the Aquarium's Education Department. The Veterinary Intern will receive mentorship in carrying out one or more clinical research projects, with the expectation of presenting the findings at a professional conference and for publication in a peer reviewed journal. Alumni of the program have successfully advanced to competitive residency programs and careers in aquatic and zoological medicine. Applicants may visit the Aquarium website for more information and a list of the program's alumni: <https://www.mysticaquarium.org/research-and-conservation/aquatic-animal-health/veterinary-science/veterinary-educational-opportunities/>

2026/2027 Veterinary Internship Application Status

The availability of the veterinary internship position for the 2026/2027 cycle will be confirmed by early March 2026. If available, the official application will post in March 2026. For inquiries regarding the internship program, please contact mmartonv@mysticaquarium.org.

Applicants for the internship should be graduates of an AVMA-accredited veterinary college or be ECFVG certified. All applicants should have successfully passed the NAVLE and must possess or be

able to acquire a license to practice medicine in the state of Connecticut. Preference will be given to applicants with postgraduate clinical experience in a practice or internship setting; however, applications from new graduates with significant achievement in aquatic animal medicine are also welcome. Must have a valid driver's license. The veterinary intern must willingly work a flexible schedule that may include evenings, weekends, and holidays. The stipend for the position is expected to be at least \$52,000 per annum plus benefits.

Application Materials:

1. A cover letter reflecting the applicant's goals in aquatic animal medicine and research.
2. A current curriculum vitae or resume.
3. A current transcript from the veterinary school and any post-baccalaureate program which he/she has attended. Unofficial copies of transcripts are acceptable.
4. Three letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with the applicant's academic performance and his/her potential in the clinical and research arenas. At least two of the letters must be written by a veterinarian.

Potential applicants who will be in the southern New England area are encouraged to contact us for a tour of our facilities and a chance to meet with our staff. A general orientation to our facility and programs can be obtained by viewing our web page <http://www.mysticaquarium.org>.

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