



## Marine Mammal and Tropical Bird Training Internship



We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who would like to join our team and gain experience in the field of animal training and husbandry. Coral World Ocean Park is a privately-owned marine park in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The park houses South American sea lions and Atlantic bottlenose dolphins who participate in a variety of interactive programs, and public presentations. Coral World is also home to Lorikeets, and Macaws.

This internship is designed to give our interns practical experience in the animal training and husbandry field. This is a very hands-on internship, where you will develop your knowledge by assisting with all elements of animal care and training. Our interns are a valuable part of our team and work right by our side! You will learn about all aspects of working in a marine mammal facility by working closely alongside trainers, completing a project, and participating in a 3-part development program:

**Operation Modules-** Teaches various operational duties involved with working at a marine mammal facility

**Hands-On Training Progressions-** Allows the intern to gain practical training experience by working directly with our sea lions and dolphins during various types of training sessions

**Animal Training Lectures/Discussions-** Discusses advanced animal training concepts and terminology through a series of power point lectures in a round table format

Since living on an island can be expensive, Coral World offers a **RENT-FREE** housing option to our interns within walking distance to the facility.



### Essential Responsibilities

- Participate in the daily husbandry and behavioral training of our dolphins, sea lions and tropical birds
- Assist trainers with cleaning and maintenance, interaction photography, diet preparation, and supervision of free flight aviary
- Interact with guests by assisting with animal interactions
- Complete and present an individual internship project

### Requirements

- Must be open water SCUBA certified (or willing to become certified within a month of starting the internship)
- Must be a current college student OR recent graduate
- Must be physically fit and able to lift 50 pounds
- Must be a team player and have a positive attitude
- Must be aware of the challenges of living on a Caribbean island (remote location, high cost of living, warm climate, etc.)

Coral World interns are a part of our very close animal training team. We only bring in 2-4 interns at any one time, with the program designed to run 6 months. Please submit a resume, cover letter, and letter of recommendation via email to Margaret Black at the email address below with Marine Mammal Internship in the subject line.

**Margaret Black – Senior Animal Welfare Specialist & Internship Coordinator---Margaretb@coralworldvi.com**

For more information search for “Coral World Ocean Park” on Facebook or check out the Coral World website at coralworldvi.com!