



Thank you for your interest in a summer internship position with the Education Department's Visitor Interpretive Programs and Services at the Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium.

This internship is a hands-on program requiring a minimum commitment of 15 hours per week, for a minimum of eight weeks. This is an unpaid position and while we may be able to help you in your housing search, there is no housing provided. We will do everything possible to accommodate school requirements for those who can earn class credit for internships.

The primary responsibility of this intern is to provide interpretation in the North Pacific Aquarium's Marine Discovery Center. A student project will also be required during the internship experience. Other duties may also be assigned within the Education Department.

Summer Camp Internship: June/July/August
Applications accepted until March 15th
Interviews – late March/early April
Decision – April

For more information about this position, please contact Amy Hale at 253-404-3665 or amy.hale@pdza.org.

Good luck!

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Visitor Interpretive Programs & Services

Internship Information

The Education Department's internship program at Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium is designed to provide an individual with practical learning experience while gaining valuable knowledge related to his/her career goals.

Requests for internship positions are evaluated on experience – professional and/or volunteer, academic achievement, interview success, and position availability.

To apply for an internship with the Education Department at Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, you must:

1. Be currently enrolled in a college or university, or have recently graduated from a college or university.
2. Have a minimum of one year of course work in a major field of study to be applied during the internship (e.g. education, biology, zoology, psychology, etc.).
3. Submit an application.
4. Submit a resume.
5. Submit a cover letter. (including your career goals)
6. Submit two letters of recommendation from an advisor or supervisor.
7. Participate in a phone or on-site interview.
8. Commit to a minimum of 20 or 40 hours a week for a minimum of 8 weeks.

Please mail OR email completed application materials to:

cathleen.mcconnell@pdza.org

Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium
Internship Program Coordinator – Education Department
5400 North Pearl Street
Tacoma, WA 98407

Please note: Incomplete application packets will not be considered. However, letters of recommendation may be sent separately.



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Visitor Interpretive Programs & Services Internship Application

Name _____ Date _____

Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____

Primary Phone _____ Secondary Phone _____

College/University _____

Address _____

Attendance/Graduation date _____ Major Field of study: _____

Name of Professor sponsoring internship _____

Number of credits received upon completion of this internship: _____

Courses and experience applicable to this internship:

How did you learn of this internship? _____

Circle internship applying for: *winter* *fall* *spring* *summer*

Dates available: _____

For office use only: Date received: _____ Interview date and time: _____ Interviewer: _____ Accepted: _____ Start date: _____ End date: _____
