

GEORGIA AQUARIUM

# Career Information



What department is this position in?

Animal Training: Mammal and  
Birds

What is the position's official job title?

Associate Curator

Does this position require a college degree?

Yes

What kind of degree does this position require?

Bachelor's or higher in any  
subject



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Do you need any certifications outside of a degree for this position?

Yes, a SCUBA certification

What does the average day look like for this position?

I help manage the team that is responsible for the day to day care of the penguins, puffins, sea otters, Asian small-clawed otters, beluga whales and harbor seals. This includes prepping their diets, cleaning their habitats, performing medical exams, conducting training sessions, providing enrichment and running guest encounter programs. No two days are the same when it comes to taking care of the animals.

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Are there any internships that help to get this position?

Yes, any internships with husbandry teams or marine mammals.

Is there any way to volunteer or shadow with this position?

Not as a curator, but our team has a trainer internship program.

What path did you take to get to working at Georgia Aquarium?

I went to school and completed bachelor's degrees in marine biology and animal behavioral psychology. During school, I worked part time at a local zoo and completed my SCUBA certification. I did two internships and worked at a smaller zoological facility for 3 years before coming to Georgia Aquarium.

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What is your favorite part about working at Georgia Aquarium?

The relationships with the animals. I also appreciate the culture Georgia Aquarium has created as a whole and the work/life balance our team has been able to manage.

Is there anything else you want to share about this position?

It is hard work but worth it every day!

