Moody Gardens®
Veterinary Technician Internship Application

Thank you for your interest in the Moody Gardens® Veterinary Technician Internship Program. Please note that this is an unpaid internship and housing/food/travel stipends are not provided. Interns must commit to a regular schedule (16-20hrs per week in the fall and spring) (20-40hrs per week in the summer) for a short-term period of at least 3 months.

Application Schedule:

Spring Internship: January-March
   Applications accepted until December 1st.
   Start by January 15th

Summer Internship: June-August
   Applications accepted until May 1st.
   Start by June 1st

Fall Internship: September-November
   Applications accepted until August 31st
   Start by September 20th

As the internship is unpaid, Moody Gardens® does not provide any medical coverage for on or off the job injuries or incidents.

Karl Maahs: Volunteer Program Specialist
Karen Holcroft: Veterinary Technician
Sarah Uhl: Veterinary Technician
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Internship Application Information

To apply for an internship within the Veterinary Technician section at Moody Gardens® you must:

1. Be currently enrolled as a sophomore or higher in an accredited college or university.
2. Have a minimum of one year course work in a major field of study to be applied during the internship.
3. Be receiving course credit for the internship.
4. Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA at the time of internship.
5. Submit an application.
6. Submit a cover letter.
7. Submit a resume.
8. Submit answers to the application questions.
9. Submit an unofficial or official copy of your current transcripts.
10. Submit two letters of recommendations (one must be from an academic advisor or professor).
11. Submit a letter from your course professor stating the course for which the internship will credit along with his/hers contact information.
12. Undergo a phone, online, or on-site interview based off current geographic location.
13. Commit to 16-20 hours a week for 12 weeks for the fall or spring internship program and a 20-40 hours a week for 10 weeks during the summer internship.
14. Must be able to pass a background check.
15. Must show proof of a negative TB test taken within 3 months prior to the start of internship.
   a. Galveston Immunization Clinic offers this test for $20.
      4700 Broadway
      Galveston, Texas 77550
      (409-763-7227)
16. Meet expectations as outlined under ‘Internship Expectations’

Please mail or e-mail completed application materials to:

Karl Maahs
Moody Gardens-Volunteer Program Specialist
One Hope Boulevard
Galveston, TX 77554
Volunteers@moodygardens.org

Please note: Incomplete application packets will not be considered. Letters of recommendation may be sent separate.
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Goal of Internship:

The goal of the Moody Gardens Internship experience is to support the Veterinary Technician department and provide pre-professional, experiential learning opportunities for individuals who volunteer their time working towards Moody Gardens mission: *a public, non-profit education destination utilizing nature in the advancement of rehabilitation, conservation, recreation, and research.*

Intern Benefits:

- Learn daily tasks and responsibilities of Vet Tech in a diverse zoological setting.
- Acquire hands-on experience in the role of a veterinary technician.
- Obtain knowledge of quarantine procedures and background.
- Work closely with Veterinarian Technician and interact with guests.
- Moody Gardens Annual Pass after completion of internship.

Intern Expectations/ Responsibilities:

- Must be on-time!
- Work 16-20 hours a week for at least 12 weeks in fall/spring semesters and 20-40 hours a week for 10 weeks in summer semester.
- Set schedule prior to the start of the internship with morning shifts running from 8:00am to 12:00pm and afternoon shifts running from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.
- Capability of lifting a minimum of 50 pounds, climbing ladders, stairs, and work around saltwater.
- Limited animal handling. No petting or playing with any of the animals is allowed! Work Safety!
- Interactions with Moody Gardens® visitors. Be prepared to answer questions from the public.
- Must complete online courses and course evaluations.
- Must attend two one-hour long continuing education class sessions.
- Must turn in a Daily Log of experience.
- Be prepared to work in all weather conditions.

Intern Dress:

- An Intern uniform shirt and nametag will be provided.
- Wear khaki pants or shorts (no shorter than an inch above the knee, no capris or cargos allowed) and comfortable brown, black or white close toed shoes provided by the intern.
- A black or brown belt must be worn.
- All clothing must be presentable with no holes or rips.
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Name_________________________________________________ Date____________________

Home Address__________________________________________________________________________

City _____________________ State__________________ Zip Code___________________

Email Address__________________________________________ Primary Phone_____________________

College/University Attending__________________________________________________________________________

City/State _____________________ Anticipated Graduation date____________________

Major Field of study____________________ Date of Birth____________________

Name of Professor sponsoring Internship___________________________________________________________

Email Address & Primary Phone of Professor___________________________________________________________

Please list any previous intern experience___________________________________________________________

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Where did you learn about the internship program? __________________________________________________

Courses and experience applicable to this internship__________________________________________________

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Have you ever interned, volunteered or worked for Moody Gardens® before? _____________________________

If yes, when? ______________________________________

Which internship semester are you applying for: Fall Spring Summer

Dates available: ______________________________________
Please list any special requirements your school may have: _____________________________________________
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Emergency contact information

Contact Name _____________________________ Relationship________________________
Home Phone _____________________________ Work Phone _____________________________
Cell Phone_______________________________

Alternate Contact Name _____________________________ Relationship________________________
Home Phone _____________________________ Work Phone _____________________________
Cell Phone_______________________________

PLEASE READ THIS STATEMENT CAREFULLY!

I hereby affirm that the information given by me on this application is complete and accurate. I understand that any falsification or omission will be immediate grounds for dismissal from the Intern Program. I authorize a thorough investigation to be made concerning my character; general reputation, employment and education background and criminal record whichever may be applicable. I understand what this investigation may include and I hereby authorize the release of documents, and personal interviews with third parties, such as prior employers, family members, business associates, financial sources, friends, neighbors or others with whom I am acquainted.

I also acknowledge that due to the ongoing COVID-19 global health crisis, the requirements and procedures of this internship are subject to change. I hereby affirm that during the course of this internship I will comply with all health and safety guidelines as required by both Moody Gardens and any government ordinances. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the program and a failing grade being reported.

Internship Applicant Signature__________________________ Date________________________

Karl Maahs
Volunteer Program Specialist
Moody Gardens                  (409) 683-4108
One Hope Boulevard           fax (409) 683-4929
Galveston, TX 77554            Volunteers@moodygardens.org

For office use only:
Date Received: ___________
Interview date and time: __________________________________________________________
 Accepted: ____________________
Start date: ____________________ End date: ____________________
Orientation__________________________ Uniform and nametag___________
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1. Briefly describe your long-and short-term goals and where you see yourself 10 years from now.

2. Discuss a special attribute or accomplishment that sets you apart.