



**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS
CABRILLO MARINE AQUARIUM**



Aquarist

Salary: \$28.19/hour

The Department of Recreation and Parks is recruiting an Aquarist, who will be a part-time, at-will employees and who will work up to a maximum of 1040 hours per year at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.

AVAILABLE HOURS/LOCATION:

- 20 hours per week based on the budgetary and operational needs of the Department
- Cabrillo Marine Aquarium - 3720 Stephen M White Dr., San Pedro, CA 90731

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES:

- Responsible for the care, feeding, and maintenance of all live seawater specimens in a variety of different aquarium environments. Monitors specimen behavior to identify unusual behavior and adjusts environment for specimen health. Adjusts temperature, ph balance, oxygenations, salt content, and mineral content.
- Maintains all components of seawater life support systems including pumps, filters, refrigeration, and plumbing to assure proper water quality and temperature for supporting aquarium life and growth.
- Will work with Chief Aquarist and Aquarium Veterinarian to support the animal medicine programs in the Animal Care Center. This includes the administration of medications, record keeping, and other animal care needs.
- Scheduled and regular participation in facility safety, boating safety and operational procedures, and diving safety procedures training.
- Must be an excellent communicator and speak in an effective, friendly, and engaging fashion
- Must be efficient and work in a timely manner to organize and prioritize duties
- Ability to lift and move 50 lbs.
- Must be available to work weekends and some holidays

QUALIFICATIONS:

- A valid CA Driver's License
- Certification as a basic scuba diver
- Graduation from a recognized four-year college of university with a major in a biological science and 18 months of full-time paid experience or the equivalent as an aquarist
- A thorough knowledge of the mechanical aspects of marine life support systems
- Knowledge of the ecology of marine and plant life necessary to aquarium display purposes
- Ability to convey a favorable public image and ability to engage with the public
- Ability to be tactful and effective in communication and obtaining compliance with the rules in order to protect Aquarium exhibits
- Must be responsible, dependable, and communicative with supervisory staff
- Ability to follow directions and work under minimum supervision

Please email your resume to martha.vacaperez@lacity.org

Deadline: Friday, August 5, 2022 or until sufficient applications are received

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