

**BIOLOGIST (Full-Time)
(Hourly)**

JOB SUMMARY: Under leadership of the Biology Supervisor, the Biologist will be responsible for the overall health appearance, maintenance, and cleanliness of the invertebrate exhibits and animal collection. This is a full-time, hourly position with hours that may vary and may include weekend shifts.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES/ACTIVITIES:

- Maintain health and well-being of the live collection. Including, but not limited to water quality, visual inspections, biopsies, feeding and treatment of the exhibits.
- Maintain appearance of the exhibits and life support rooms.
- Knowledge and adherence of all procedures and protocols.
- Knowledge of efficient record keeping practices.
- Extensive knowledge of the disposition, habitats, dietary requirements, cleaning and health needs for a diverse aquatic animal collection.
- Knowledge of basic time management techniques.
- Ability to operate and maintain exhibit life support systems.
- Ability to maintain appropriate levels of inventory and supplies.
- Ability to communicate with supervisors to resolve issues with animals and/or life support equipment and systems.
- Ability to keep life support work areas clean, neat and organized.
- Current SCUBA certification or the ability to acquire certification within six months of hire.
- Must have a high degree of concentration and attention to detail.
- The ability to handle live animals.

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES/ACTIVITIES:

- Respond to staff requests for support as needed.
- Extremely organized with strong multi-tasking and time-management skills.
- Demonstrate professionalism at all times.
- Ability to work safely with hazardous chemicals and follow safety protocols.
- Ability to be flexible with changing exhibits and the needs of those exhibits.
- Ability to speak instructions clearly over the phone and in noisy work environment.
- Ability to communicate both verbally and in writing.
- Perform other related duties as requested.

MINIMUM AND PREFERRED REQUIREMENTS:

- Bachelor's degree in biology or related field; or two (2) to four (4) years of experience working with captive aquatic life.
- Working knowledge of water filtration systems including; biological, mechanical, and chemical filtration.
- The ability to lift 50lbs and work on ones feet for long periods of time in adverse conditions (cramped spaces, cold water, wet environment).

- Familiarity with Microsoft Office software.
- Schedule may include weekends and holidays with 24-hour availability, seven days a week for emergencies.

WORKING ENVIRONMENT

The duties of the Biologist will be generally performed inside and outside of the Oklahoma Aquarium. Work environment is team oriented, having variable tasks, pace, and pressure.

Physical: Primary functions require sufficient physical ability to work in a laboratory and aquatic setting and operate aquatic equipment. Continuous standing, with upward and downward flexion of neck; fine finger dexterity; light to moderate finger pressure to manipulate keyboard, equipment controls, and equipment; pinch grasp to manipulate writing utensils. Frequent side-to-side turning of neck, walking, standing, bending, stooping, pushing/pulling, and twisting at waist. Frequent squatting, kneeling, and reaching above and at shoulder height; moderate grasp to manipulate reference books and manuals. Frequent lifting of 50 pounds while working in adverse conditions (cramped spaces, cold water and wet environment).

Vision: See in the normal visual range with or without correction; vision sufficient to read computer screens and printed documents and to operate equipment.

Hearing: Hear in the normal audio range with or without correction.