



AQUATIC MEDICINE AND SURGERY VETERINARY **STUDENT EXTERNSHIP**

2026-2027 Application Cycle

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the aquatic veterinary externship program at the Wildlife Conservation Society. Aquatic Animal Health provides medical, surgical, and pathology services for the New York Aquarium. The clinical caseload varies providing the student with broad exposure to aquatic animal medicine. The student's responsibilities will include morning review of cases and assisting the veterinarians with medical and surgical cases and daily park rounds. The student will also spend time with the Water Quality and Animal Care teams, learning about water quality, life support systems, and husbandry. The student will also be required to give a presentation on some aspect of aquatic medicine. Weekend attendance may be required.

Applications are accepted for clinical year externships from July through December 1st of your JUNIOR year. These applications will then be reviewed and students will be notified of the results in January of the following year. To apply for this externship, our online application is located at <https://oneworldonehealth.wcs.org/Training/Student-Externships.aspx>. The student will be required to provide his/her own room, board and transportation.

The application must include the following:

1. Completed Externship application form, including three choices of four-week periods (student's preference) that you would like to attend the New York Aquarium. Other externship durations may be considered, but preference will be given to those students able to attend for the preferred 4-week duration.
2. Veterinary school transcript through the last completed semester.
3. Current resume/Curriculum vitae.
4. A short personal statement describing your interests, experience, and future plans in veterinary medicine, and aquatic medicine in particular.
5. Two Letters of Recommendation.

Application materials can be emailed to Phebean Williams (pwilliams@wcs.org) and Michael Hyatt (mhyatt@wcs.org) (both Phebean and Michael must be on all application materials sent).

If preferred, application materials can also be mailed to:

Dr. Michael Hyatt
Aquatic Veterinary Externship Program
Aquatic Animal Health Program
Wildlife Conservation Society's New York Aquarium
602 Surf Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11224

Electronic material must be received by 11:59pm on December 1st. Mailed application materials must be postmarked by December 1st.

Once accepted into the program, you must submit the following:

1. Proof of health insurance.
2. Confirmation that you've arranged housing and transportation.
3. Signed Released and Confidentiality Agreement

Although not required as a condition of participation, we highly recommend participants in this program have an up-to-date TB test and current vaccinations for rabies, tetanus, and COVID. If documentation of receiving these tests/vaccinations is not provided, there will be limitations in participants ability to fully take part in the experience, including not being able to have close contact or work with some species that we care for.

We look forward to receiving your application.