

**JOB DESCRIPTION: AQUARIST**

**Job Title:** Aquarist

**Department**: Curatorial

**Reports To:** Curator/Head Aquarist

**Status:** Non Exempt

**Date:**  2015

### BaSIC FUNCTIONS: Provides for the proper care of animals with a focus on those in the Living Reef Building, Aquarium Lab and Quarantine.

**ANIMAL CARE**

### Cares for the animals and documents all behaviors observed.

### Participates in the feedings, which includes food preparation and record observations daily

### Inspects all tanks daily in regards to animal health

### Knows the names, quantity and location of all animals on display

### Checks the life support systems of the tanks each day

### Care and maintenance of all lab animals and tanks.

### exhibit maintenance

* Participates in the maintenance and cleaning of tanks in the Living Reef daily
* Checks the exhibits daily for cleanliness
* Assists the Head Aquarist in verifying the accurateness of graphic boards

### team development & supervision

* Assists the Head Aquarist in the supervision of interns and volunteers when asked

### inter and intra-department communication

* Attends a daily curatorial meeting to report problems or concerns encountered in the tanks assigned to them and to receive task assignments

### other responsibilites

* Reports daily accomplishments, problems and concerns to the Head Aquarist
* Ensures that the service areas are kept clean and tools properly stored
* Participate in tours and presentations including, but not limited to Dive Link, Fins and Flippers, School and Private Tours

### minimum qualifications

* Diver certification
* Able to carry 50 pounds
* Knowledge of the common/Hawaiian names of fishes and inverts
* Pass a mandated dive physical annually
* CPR, 1st Aid, & AED certification; and maintain current certification
* 4 year degree in Marine Biology or equivalent job experience.