# JOB POSTING

## Relief veterinarian

**Posted:** Open to internal and external applicants  
**Reports to:** Senior veterinarian  
**Status:** Part-time, hourly, temporary position  
**Hours of work:** Will work four hours every two weeks plus emergency hours in coordination with the senior veterinarian. Occasional need for weekend or after-hours work as related to planned vacation coverage and emergency coverage.  
**Date needed:** Late spring 2020  
**Posting expires:** Open until filled

### About the organization:
The Seattle Aquarium is a respected authority on Puget Sound, the Salish Sea and the world’s one ocean. Our passionate staff increases awareness and drives the change needed to preserve and protect our marine environment through a variety of channels, including a compelling exhibit experience and engaging daytime and evening events; conservation education programs for people of all ages and backgrounds; community outreach to underserved populations; research that advances understanding of animals in our care and their counterparts in the wild; advocacy and policy work; an award-winning volunteer program; strong and consistent marketing efforts; and more.

We’re noted for our collaborative, communicative and team-oriented working environment. Our values, developed in conjunction with our staff, include commitments to adopting and promoting sustainable practices; creating awe-inspiring experiences; constantly learning and improving; fostering an inclusive community; maintaining scientific credibility through evidence-based practices; and honoring our unique place by using our location and history as a lens for larger understanding.

Proudly accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, we’re the eighth-largest aquarium in the U.S. by attendance and we welcome over 850,000 people through our front doors each year. Guided by our mission of *Inspiring Conservation of Our Marine Environment*, we’ve developed a master plan to substantially increase in size and impact by opening a new exhibit building, the Ocean Pavilion. Our current annual budget is $18 million.

### Position description:
The Seattle Aquarium is looking for a relief veterinarian to join the Life Sciences team. This position is responsible for providing veterinary services for the Seattle Aquarium’s (SEAQ’s) animal collection, supporting the senior veterinarian during veterinary procedures and providing on-site coverage when the senior veterinarian is away from the Aquarium. This position will be working in the SEAQ’s Life Sciences department caring for sea otters, harbor seals, northern fur seals, and other marine animals.
seals, North American river otters, alcids and shorebirds, fish and invertebrates, and sea turtles in rehabilitation.

**Essential functions:**
- Provide part-time, on-site and on-call veterinary services to the Seattle Aquarium.
- Provide high-quality veterinary care support for the animal collection, including preventative, routine and emergency case management.
- Provide high-quality veterinary care support for the sea turtle rehabilitation program.
- Maintain accurate and timely records following institutional and regulatory guidelines.
- Perform necropsy examinations with ancillary diagnostis.
- Correctly process biological samples for shipping to outside laboratories.
- Be familiar with the USDA/APHIS regulations pertaining to public display of marine mammals and the AZA accreditation standards.
- Provide input on veterinary policies and procedures.
- Comply with state and federal regulations, including for controlled substances, prescription drugs, biohazardous waste and work safety.

**Additional responsibilities:**
- Other duties as assigned.

**Required skills/abilities:**
- Team player with strong interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to work independently.
- Must possess organizational skills, self-motivation, and strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Familiarity with various computer software products, such as MS Word Excel, and medical records systems.
- Must have or be able to obtain a Washington state driver’s license.
- Must be able to swim.
- Possess coordination and dexterity necessary to ascend and descend rocky exhibits with animals in the habitat.
- Specific vision abilities are required including, but not limited to: close vision, distance vision, color and peripheral vision, depth perception, contrast and the ability to adjust focus.

**Experience, education and certifications:**
We will consider various combinations of relevant experience and education in order to meet minimum requirements.
- A doctorate in veterinary medicine from an AVMA-accredited school or equivalent degree is required.
- A Washington veterinary license and a valid DEA license are required.
- Minimum of three to five years of experience as a full-time veterinarian is preferred.
- Minimum of two years of aquarium, exotics, zoo or equivalent experience is preferred, ideally at an AZA-accredited facility.
- Record of peer-reviewed publications that were authored or co-authored by the applicant is preferred.

**Working conditions:**
• Requires handling, working with or exposure to large, potentially dangerous animals, animal diseases, animal feces and potentially hazardous chemicals.
• Occasionally required to lift more than 50 pounds.
• Must be able to be on their feet six or more hours a day and be active through all physical motions.
• Required to work outdoors year-round, near water, on wet and slippery surfaces and at heights.
• Must be able to work a variable schedule that may include weekends, holidays and occasional evenings or nights.
• While performing the duties of this job, the employee is required to stand; walk; sit; use hands to finger, handle or feel objects, tools or controls; reach with hands and arms; climb stairs; balance; stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl; talk or hear; taste or smell.

Salary and benefits:
$85.00/hour; temporary staff are not eligible for benefits but accrue paid sick time and are paid an additional $0.75/hour to assist with transportation costs.

How to apply:
The Seattle Aquarium is a progressive, equal opportunity employer that values a diverse workforce. All candidates are encouraged to apply by uploading a résumé and one-page letter detailing interest and relevant experience in our online application.

Please let us know if you require a reasonable accommodation to apply for this job.

Note: Must pass a background check, upon job offer, to be eligible for this position.