

## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

POSITION/TITLE: Live Animal Maintainer  
DEPARTMENT: Exhibits/ Animal Department  
SUPERVISOR: Director of Exhibits and Interpretation  
FULL TIME/PART TIME: Part-time

Brooklyn Children's Museum, the world's first museum for children, is searching for a part-time Live Animal Maintainer. This person will help to care for the Museum's reptiles, amphibians, aquaria, invertebrates, and tropical birds. Responsibilities include monitoring diets and consumption, animal behavior reporting, behavioral enrichment, and aquarium maintenance, and public program delivery.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Provide high quality care of the Museum's live animals and maintain all associated record keeping protocols.
- Monitor and ensure the proper level of supplies and functioning of all husbandry equipment.
- Maintain highest level of cleanliness and artistic quality of displays.
- Observe and recognize medical conditions that may require medical treatment. Promptly report those conditions to the Live Animal Coordinator.
- Train and oversee the work of volunteers and interns assigned to animal department. Mentor the educators handling animals as part of school and public programming.
- Assist in field collection of specimens, public demonstration of collections, veterinarian visits, etc.
- Present live animals during public programming approximately 2-3 a week using creative interpretation and teaching techniques.
- Assist with duties in BCM Green House/Garden as needed.
- Other departmental duties as needed.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

- B.A. /B.S. Degree in Animal Husbandry, Animal Science, Zoology, Marine Biology, Animal Behavior, or related field or Associates Degree in related fields (shown above) with two or more years work experience.
- Minimum of one year experience with care of herpetological and aquatic collection (paid or unpaid). Experience with fresh and saltwater aquaria, basic hardware and plumbing skills a plus.
- Demonstrated willingness to be trained in maintaining various species of animals: reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates, and tropical birds.
- Experience with public demonstrations/ and or teaching in formal or informal settings. Ability to facilitate engaging public educational programs for family audiences and school groups.
- Excellent communication skills, including a demonstrated ability to work independently and as part of a team; attention to detail; taking initiative and follow through.
- Ability to lift 50 lbs.

## **SCHEDULE**

Part-time, 28 hours (4 days) a week, 9 am – 5 pm, Sunday-Wednesday.

**COMPENSATION**

\$17/ hour paid every two weeks

**APPLY**

Please send a cover letter and resume as 1 PDF to [careers@brooklynkids.org](mailto:careers@brooklynkids.org) with “[Your Last Name] –Animal Maintainer” in the subject header.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis with priority given to those received by January 25, 2019 or before. Only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. No telephone calls or follow-up emails for position inquiries, please.

Brooklyn Children’s Museum is an equal opportunity employer. We value a diverse workforce and an inclusive culture. BCM encourages applications from all qualified individuals without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, national origin, marital status, disability, and veteran status.

**ABOUT BROOKLYN CHILDREN’S MUSEUM**

Brooklyn Children's Museum ([www.brooklynkids.org](http://www.brooklynkids.org)) is the world's first children's museum and a pioneer in the field of informal learning. Rooted in its vibrant Brooklyn community, the Museum’s mission is to provide inspiring first cultural experiences to children and their families, with the goal of setting them on a path to life-long appreciation of culture, including visual art, performance, and sciences. The Museum serves 250,000 children and adults annually through its school, public, and after school programs.