



POSITION/TITLE:	Animal Maintainer and Museum Educator
STATUS:	Full time
DEPARTMENT:	Education/ Programs
SUPERVISOR:	Director of Education

Brooklyn Children's Museum (BCM) is the world's first children's museum and a pioneer in the field of informal learning. Inspired by the energy and diversity of its borough, BCM's programs and exhibits engage children between the ages of 2 and 10, and their caregivers, through play-based learning at the intersection of culture, the arts, and science. The Museum serves 300,000 visitors annually and operates in 130,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor space. Learn more about [BCM's Theory of Change](#), [Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Plan](#), exhibits and programs at www.brooklynkids.org.

Position Summary

Brooklyn Children's Museum, the world's first museum for children is searching for a full-time Coordinator of Live Animal Care; Museum Educator. This person will coordinate live animal care for the Museum's reptiles, amphibians, aquaria, and invertebrate, as well as develop and facilitate educational programming. Coordinator will lead the team of animal maintainers, interns, and volunteers that care for the Museum's animals in tasks including routine animal care, monitoring diets and consumption, animal behavior reporting, and behavioral enrichment.

Responsibilities:

- Oversee and coordinates care for Brooklyn Children's Museum live animal collection including reptiles, amphibians, aquaria, invertebrates and birds.
- Coordinate animal acquisition and de-accessions; develop and maintain animal enclosures (both behind the scenes and on the exhibit floor).
- Supervise animal care staff as they perform routine animal husbandry, monitor animal diets and consumption, observe and report on animal behavior, and provide behavioral enrichment. Provide all staff professional development and training to ensure high quality care of live animal collection during educational programs.
- In collaboration with Director of Education, track live animal care budget, records, permits, licenses, equipment and supplies.
- Oversee live animal programs. Develop and implement innovative school and public programs, participate in community/school outreach engagements, other related programs and projects.
- Train Play Facilitators who engage family audiences in floor-based live animal encounters.
- Supervise Animal Care interns and volunteers. Recruit, train, mentor and evaluate interns and volunteers.

- Collaborate with the Education team to develop engaging environmental science, STEAM, and natural science programs for school and family audiences.
- Fill in for program facilitation coverage and other departmental responsibilities as needed.
- Other Education Department and Museum-wide duties as needed

Work Schedule:

Full time, 9am-5pm, 5 days a week, including one weekend day, Sunday —Thursday schedule preferred.

Preferred Qualifications:

- B.A. / B.S. Degree in Animal Husbandry, Animal Science, Zoology, Marine Biology, Conservation Biology, Wildlife Management, Animal Behavior or related field and/or equivalent experience.
- Minimum three years animal care experience.
- 2-3 years working in a Museum or education setting.
- Experience working with children ages 0 – 8 and their caregivers
- Demonstrated ability to take initiative and handle multiple tasks
- Demonstrated ability to work in individual and group settings; attention to detail; initiative and follow-through.
- Experience supervising staff and fostering accountability
- Knowledge of Brooklyn’s communities a plus
- Proficient with Macs, PCs, Microsoft Office, Google Apps, and Dropbox
- Must be willing to wear a mask and comply with COVID safety protocols, and to be present in person in BCM’s offices and on the Museum floor.

COMPENSATION

The annual salary for this role is \$48k annually. Full-time staff at BCM receive family health, individual dental and life insurance benefits at no charge to employees.

APPLY

Please send a cover letter and resume as 1 PDF to careers@brooklynkids.org with “[Your Last Name] –AnimalMaintainer in the subject header. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis with priority given to those received by May 30, 2022 or before. Only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. No telephone calls 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.