



POSITION/TITLE:	Animal Maintainer
STATUS:	Part-time
DEPARTMENT:	Animal Care Team
SUPERVISOR:	Animal Coordinator

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 exhibits and programs at www.brooklynkids.org.

Position Summary:

BCM is searching for a part-time Animal Maintainer to help care for our live animal collection. Our collection is composed of mostly reptiles and amphibians, as well as some aquaria and invertebrates. These animals are located behind the scenes and on display throughout the museum and serve to educate guests on topics such as responsible pet ownership, local species, conservation, and much more. As part of BCM's Animal Care Team, you will care for animals and support educational programming. This includes working around guests, many of them children, and ensuring safe animal-guest interactions during public programming. This is a physically demanding role involving lifting animals, standing for extended periods, and cleaning enclosures and tanks.

Responsibilities:

- Care for Brooklyn Children's Museum live animal collection including reptiles, amphibians, aquaria, and invertebrates
- Responsible for various aspects of animal husbandry, including but not limited to diet preparation, feeding, behavioral enrichment, observing and reporting on animal behavior
- Keep animal spaces and equipment, clean, tidy, and organized
- Safely handle all animals within our collection
- Enthusiastically engage with visitors during a range of educational programs
- Responsible for assisting staff members from other departments in training on animal handling and preparing animals for programming
- Support events and public programs as needed
- Other Animal Department and Museum-wide duties as assigned

Work Schedule:

The Animal Maintainer will work onsite at BCM three days a week, from 9:30am–5:30pm. Sunday availability is required; the other two workdays will be scheduled in coordination with the Animal Coordinator. Extra hours available as needed for coverage during Museum events.

Required Qualifications:

- At least 1 year of animal care experience with reptiles and amphibians
- At least 6 months experience interacting with children ages 0-10 and their caregivers
- Experience working in a museum, garden, zoo, or other informal education setting
- Experience working independently and as a member of a team
- Able to take initiative and prioritize competing tasks
- Able to perform physically demanding work, including lifting animals and equipment, standing for extended periods, and cleaning enclosures and tanks
- Proficient with PCs, Microsoft Office and Google Suite

Preferred Qualifications:

- A BS/BA Degree in Animal Husbandry, Animal Science, Zoology, Marine Biology, Conservation Biology, Wildlife Management, Animal Behavior or related field

Compensation:

The salary for this role is \$22 an hour.

Apply:

Please send a cover letter and resume as 1 PDF to 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 August 21, 2026.

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.