

**\*\*All participation in on-site WCS student externship programs are contingent upon current NYS, NYC, and WCS COVID procedures and protocols, and these may change between the time of externship application and the start of the programs.**



2023-2024 Application Cycle

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the aquatic veterinary externship program at the Wildlife Conservation Society. Aquatic Animal Health provides medical, surgical, and pathology services for the New York Aquarium. The clinical caseload varies providing the student with broad exposure to aquatic animal medicine. The student's responsibilities will include morning review of cases and assisting the veterinarians with medical and surgical cases and daily park rounds. The student will also spend time with the Water Quality and Animal Care teams, learning about water quality, life support systems, and husbandry. The student will also be required to give a presentation on some aspect of aquatic medicine. Weekend attendance may be required.

Applications are accepted for clinical year externships from July 1<sup>st</sup> through November 15<sup>th</sup> of your JUNIOR year. These applications will then be reviewed and students will be notified of the results in December of the current year. The student will be required to provide his/her own room, board and transportation.

The application must include the following:

1. Completed Externship/Student application form, including three choices of four-week periods (student's preference) that you would like to attend the New York Aquarium. Other externship durations may be considered, but preference will be given to those students able to attend for the preferred 4-week duration.
2. Veterinary school transcript through the last completed semester.
3. Current resume/Curriculum vitae.
4. A short personal statement describing your interests, experience, and future plans in veterinary medicine, and aquatic medicine in particular.
5. Two Letters of Recommendation.

All application materials can be mailed to:

Dr. Michael Hyatt  
Aquatic Veterinary Externship Program  
Aquatic Animal Health Program  
Wildlife Conservation Society's New York Aquarium  
602 Surf Ave.  
Brooklyn, NY 11224

Applications can also be emailed to Phebean Williams ([pwilliams@wcs.org](mailto:pwilliams@wcs.org)) and Michael Hyatt ([mhyatt@wcs.org](mailto:mhyatt@wcs.org)) (both Phebean and Michael must be on all application materials sent).

PLEASE SEE LINK TO WCS COVID PROTOCOLS AVAILABLE AT:  
<https://oneworldonehealth.wcs.org/Training/StudentExternships.aspx>

Electronic material must be received by 11:59pm on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Mailed application materials must be postmarked by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Once accepted into the program, you must submit the following:

1. Proof of health insurance.
2. Confirmation that you've arranged housing and transportation.
3. Signed Released and Confidentiality Agreement
4. Proof of COVID vaccination – see COVID requirements.

Students who fail to provide the requested materials above may not start their rotation and participation in our program could be compromised.

We look forward to receiving your application.