

Veterinary Student Externship, Georgia Sea Turtle Center Jekyll Island, Georgia

Duration of Externship: 2 to 6 weeks, year round

The Georgia Sea Turtle Center (GSTC) is a state-of-the-art facility focused on sea turtle rehabilitation, research and education. The GSTC is located on beautiful Jekyll Island, a barrier island along Georgia's southeast coast. The Center has received sea turtle patients from Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, and New England. Additionally, we have conservation and rehabilitation programs for diamondback terrapins and other native turtles. We currently provide emergency care for birds admitted to the center; however, once stabilized these patients are sent to more permanent rehabilitation facilities. The GSTC rehabilitation/hospital facility includes a large treatment room, surgical suite, and an xray room with a digital xray machine. The Center is well equipped with a variety of diagnostic tools includes a portable ultrasound unit, a variety of rigid and flexible endoscopes, and an Abaxis chemistry machine. Custom-made fiberglass tanks and extensive filtration systems allow us to maintain our patients under excellent conditions. Education programs at the GSTC are closely linked to our veterinary and rehabilitation work and include an interactive Exhibit Gallery, a viewing window into the veterinary care area, an elevated walkway though the Rehabilitation Pavilion and a gift shop. Visitors take a self-guided tour through the Center, which is enhanced by daily educational programs. We offer in-house and outreach programs to schools, tour groups and community organizations, and represent the GSTC at various environmental events. A number of research projects are ongoing throughout the year by our staff.

Job Description: The GSTC veterinary externs responsibilities will include, but are not limited to:

- Daily treatment and care of assigned patients,
- Assist in admitting new patients,
- Assist with diagnostic work ups, anesthesia, surgery, and entering daily medical records.
- Avian and reptile necropsies will likely be performed by the extern during their stay.
- The vet extern may also be asked to assist with food preparation, tank cleaning, water quality testing and other husbandry tasks.
- Veterinary externs are encouraged to conduct a small project during their time with us.

Minimum Requirements/Qualifications:

- Senior year in veterinary school or completing at least the first year in veterinary school and have a funded research project that will be conducted through the GSTC during the summer break.
- Ability to work in the U.S. legally
- Ability to drive legally in the U.S.
- A car is recommended for getting around

Housing: We may be able to provide housing, but is dependent on the time of year and availability.

Salary: This externship is not paid.

Other Costs: Travel, transportation and food costs will not be covered by GSTC.

Interested applicants should send a CV, letter of intent, 3 letters of recommendations and several time periods that you would like for us to consider to Dr. Terry Norton at:

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