



PART-TIME JOB BULLETIN

AQUARIST I (2400-1)

SALARY \$ 34.69 Hourly

(The current salary range is subject to change. You may confirm the starting salary with the hiring department before accepting a job offer.)

SCHEDULE Hours not to exceed 800 hours in a service year per employee
Sunday and Monday, and every other Saturday; Start time 7:00 a.m.
Holidays and other shifts, as needed

LOCATION Los Angeles Zoo – 5333 Zoo Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027

DUTIES / JOB DESCRIPTION

This is an at-will exempt intermittent position which can be terminated at any time without cause.

A part-time Aquarist is part of the LA Zoo's Life Support Systems (LSS) Team. Duties include, but are not limited to:

- assisting with the operation of LSS throughout the zoo;
- equipment maintenance and repair;
- basic water quality testing;
- understand water chemistry reports and their relationship to life support;
- work closely with Animal Care staff and Construction staff;
- perform inspections;
- preventative maintenance tasks;
- cleaning and repair of all Life Support equipment; and
- other duties as assigned.

REQUIREMENTS

- Must have a background in caring for exotic reptiles/amphibians/fish and invertebrates, and a willingness to work in cramped hot spaces with a team;
- Bachelor's degree in biological sciences is preferred;
- Ability to move/lift 75 pounds;
- Ability to climb ladders and work in tight areas;
- Ability to ride a bicycle preferred;
- Ability to work indoor and outdoor in inclement weather



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Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Knowledge of pumps (centrifugal and peristaltic), filters (sand, bead, drum), UV sterilizers, ozone generators, and automated control systems; water quality in aquariums; PVC plumbing; and knowledge and ability to use power tools.

Licenses and Certifications Preferred:

- Open Water SCUBA certification from an internationally recognized training association
- Level 1 Aquatic Animal Life Support Operators (AALSO) certification

HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates should email an updated resume or a completed City application to lazoo.personnel@lacity.org and the subject line must include **"PT AQUARIST."** Resumes and/or applications must be **received by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2026**, or until sufficient applications have been received.



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OUR VISION

Creating a just and sustainable world where people and wildlife thrive, together.

OUR MISSION

Through the passion of our team, the Los Angeles Zoo is leading the way in saving wildlife and connecting Angelenos to the natural world by providing exemplary animal care, delivering distinctive and diverse learning opportunities, and creating unforgettable experiences.

Saving Wildlife. Enriching Our Communities. Creating Connections to Nature.

ABOUT THE ZOO

The Los Angeles Zoo property comprises 133 acres and is home to more than 1,500 mammals, birds, amphibians and reptiles representing more than 250 different species, 64 of which are endangered.

The Zoo is owned and operated by the City of Los Angeles. The Zoo is operated and staffed by City employees as well as employees from its partner organizations and sub-contractors. In total, they represent approximately 350 full and part-time Zoo/City employees, and approximately 400 volunteers. The Zoo is open 363 days each year (closed Thanksgiving and Christmas) and the annual attendance for the Zoo is approximately 1.5 million visitors.

On average, the Los Angeles Zoo welcomes almost 5,000 visitors a day with capacity days up to 10,000 or more visitors. Each year, more than 130,000 school group attendees also visit the Zoo.

COMMITMENT TO EQUITY

The Zoo Department is committed to equity in all forms, including a culture of respect among all employees as well as ensuring a welcoming and inclusive environment for all guests.



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