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- Makoto Yamamoto (Biology, 2016)
- Penguin Colony Intern
- Part-time, 27 hours per week
- Unpaid

What do you do as an intern at this organization?
I clean the penguin exhibit in the aquarium, wearing a wet suit. I also clean the penguin office. I give educational presentations to the public and feed penguins in the exhibit.

How did you find your internship?
My friend who is pre-vet did the exact same internship and she loved it, so I decided to apply myself.

What do you enjoy most about your internship?
I must say that feeding penguins is the most enjoyable part of the internship; all of the penguins have names and you can get really attached to them.

What do you find challenging?
The rigorous schedule must be followed every day I am there. It was hard to get used to the schedule but it was fine after a couple months.

What advice would you offer to someone who wants to make the most of an internship like yours?
Although feeding the penguins is fun, it is best to have a certain goal during the internship. I decided to treat this internship as a chance to practice observing animals, detecting any small changes in their body/behavior.

About the Organization
New England Aquarium
Boston, MA

The New England Aquarium, which opened in 1969, is a global leader in ocean exploration and marine conservation. The Aquarium is one of the premier visitor attractions in Boston, with over 1.3 million visitors a year, and a major public education resource.