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**How long have you worked in this job?**

I have worked at the Texas State Aquarium since March of 2017. I started interning here in 2013 though.

**What does it take to get a job like yours?**

Experience and good training beyond what you can learn from textbooks and school labs is important. It especially helps if it's from places like the Royal Botanical Gardens in London where I went.

**What is your favorite part of your job?**

I love being surprised by the animals while I am working around them. I also like the opportunity to work inside and outside.

**What is the most challenging part of your job?**

It is challenging to do pest control using other, beneficial insects. Working around the animals can also be challenging.

**Do you have any memorable stories to share?**

Mainly animal related. Sometimes the birds in the Caribbean Jungle will swoop right in front of me as I work to observe me.