

Internship Costs

Dolphin Quest Oahu does not charge interns a program fee to participate in our internship program. There are, however, some expenses in addition to housing, transportation and food, which interns should consider prior to applying for an internship.

All though Dolphin Quest provides most of the required uniform, the intern is responsible for providing the following:

- Company approved swimsuit
- Waterproof watch
- Khaki shorts, Capri's, or pants
- Plain black or brown belt
- Closed heel and toe shoes (such as sneakers)
- Shoes that can get wet

Local Living Information

Average Temperature

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Max	79.3	78.7	79.2	80	81.5	83.3	83.6	84.4	85.2	84.2	81.9	79.6
Min	64	64.4	64.7	66.2	67.9	69.7	70.6	71.3	70.6	69.4	67.7	65.5

Accommodations

Housing expenses are quite variable depending on individual preferences. Interns frequently share housing making rent cheaper than on own.

Apartment information (links):

- <http://honolulu.craigslist.org/>
- <http://www.apartments.com>
- <http://www.rentalsillustrated.com>
- <http://www.honolulustarbulletin.com>
- <http://www.rentalsearchhawaii.com> (apartment search service)

Waikiki is the most populated part of the island, and the likely area to find a reasonably priced place to live. It is even possible to find a convenient month-to-month rental, avoiding having to sign any long-term lease. While it is necessary to take a bus from there to get to The Kahala Hotel & Resort (where Dolphin Quest Oahu resides), the buses run most consistently to and from Waikiki (see bus website below). Waikiki is also very convenient in terms of being near restaurants, markets, beaches, etc.

If it is possible to find a place in the Diamond Head or Kahala regions of the island, then you would be closer to work – probably only a walk or bike ride away. However, these areas are most often pricey.

Transportation

The Island of Oahu has a great public transportation system. Internship participants who choose to reside in the Waikiki area often have relied on the bus system to be their chosen mode of transportation. For more information about options check out – <http://www.thebus.org>

Prices to purchase a used car typically are within a similar range as on the mainland of the United States. Another option is to rent a car, but this will be determined by what company used, along with timeframe for rental and type of car.

Taxi cabs are also in great abundance in the Waikiki area, and can be used, as a mode of transportation, but this is typically expensive and not the preferred choice by internship participants.

Food and Drink

Internship participants are responsible for their own food during their internship experience. Dolphin Quest Oahu has the privilege to be able to offer its internship participants free lunch on the days they work at the facility.

The Island of Oahu does have discount stores like COSTCO and Wal-Mart. These stores are not in close proximity to the Waikiki area, but can be reached by the bus or taxi.

Telecommunications

The Island of Oahu has good cellular phone coverage on most of the island for many mainland carriers. Many internship participants rely on their mainland cell phones as a primary mode of communication, especially since many cellular plans include free long distance. Land lines typically run approximately \$30 per month for a household. Typically, all residents in a single household can share this cost, unless personal phone lines are desired.

Some rental properties offer internet connection included in the rent. If not the library provides free access and many cafes offer free Wi-Fi.