



Children's Science Center Lab - Animal Husbandry Internship 2021

INTERNSHIP DATES:

12 weeks; 10 hours min./weekly; flexibility based on experience and availability

Spring Internship: March – May 2021

Summer Internship: June – September 2021

Fall Internship: September – November 2021

Winter Internship: December 2021 – February 2022

DESCRIPTION

The Animal Husbandry Intern will report to the Animal Husbandry Program Coordinator. This position will provide a well-rounded intern experience for those individuals who are actively pursuing a career in animal care and education. The internship will also cover topics including best practices in animal welfare, zoonotic diseases, training, AZA/SSP information, USDA requirements, record keeping, and more.

This role requires a dedicated person who can maintain aesthetically pleasing terrestrial habitats that promote positive animal welfare for a variety of reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates. Independent as well as team work will be essential to effectively care for the collection as a whole.

JOB DUTIES

- Attend to assigned animals; prepare diets, feed, and provide water; sanitize enclosure furniture/floors and food/water dishes as scheduled or necessary; perform approved enrichment and training activities; assist in the capture and restraint of animals
- Record relevant information in facility's recordkeeping database, including animal observations, health concerns and treatments, acquisitions/births, dispositions/deaths, etc.; objectively complete animal welfare assessments, as assigned
- Perform routine repairs and maintenance on exhibits/enclosures as needed; construct improvements, furnishings, and decorations for exhibits.
- Assist in planning and conducting educational and interactive guest programs; engage the public to encourage curiosity and facilitate a positive experience both in person and virtually.
- Support institution's Vision, Mission, and Value statements; maintain a positive example in meeting the needs of fellow staff, volunteers, and guests

EDUCATION AND PRE-REQUISITES

- 18+ or older
- Demonstrated interest in zoology and animal care; working on degree in wildlife biology, zoology, or environmental science preferred; student in good standing with GPA 2.5 or higher
- Possess and maintain a valid driver's license and have reliable transportation to/from work
- Basic computer skills
- Must be able to lift 60 pounds; may be required to stand for extended period

COMPENSATION

Unpaid; qualifying academic credit and/or volunteer service hours applicable

HOW TO APPLY

Please send a cover letter detailing reasons for interest in position and resume to Internships@ChildSci.org with "Animal Husbandry Intern" in the subject line. Please include your favorite animal in the email body and why!