



ANIMAL CARE INTERNSHIP

Unpaid

DESCRIPTION:

The Jackson Zoo's Animal Care Internship is a 12- week (20 or 40 hours per week unpaid, un-benefited, with the potential for an extension) professional animal keeping intern position in various areas of the Jackson Zoo. Regular off-days to be determined, but must be willing to work weekends and holidays. Interns will provide animal care and perform husbandry training tasks to a large collection of exotic and domesticate animals. Interns will also have book/article readings/discussions, a long-term project, and will complete a presentation to zoo staff.

RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

- Assist with daily care of animals
- Keep accurate records for all animals
- Perform husbandry training
- Provide enrichments for animals
- Interact with guests

While performing the duties of this position the intern is regularly required to stand; walk; climb or balance and grasp objects. In addition, the intern is regularly exposed to outside weather conditions; must be able to lift & move 50 pounds without mechanical assistance.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Completed at least one year of college working toward an animal related field, biology, zoology, or related field. Or a recent graduate.
- Demonstrate commitment to working with wildlife in a zoo setting
- Comfortable working with and handling many different species encompassing all classes of animals.
- Ability to stand for long periods of time and carry 40 pounds
- Passionate about wildlife

GUIDELINES:

- 12 week commitment
- Work 7:30am-4:30pm. Days off to be determined.
- Must provide a negative TB test result and tetanus vaccine record prior to beginning the internship
- Candidates must provide proof of current medical insurance, and maintain this insurance for the duration of the internship

FALL SEMESTER	First full week of September through November.	Application due July 31 st
SPRING SEMESTER	First full week of February through April.	Application due Dec. 31 st
SUMMER	First full week of June through to mid-August.	Application due March 31 st

TO APPLY:

Please send resume and cover letter to: Elizabeth Stenger, Education Curator

Email: education@jacksonzoo.org with
"Animal Care Internship" in subject line

Mail: Jackson Zoo
Attn: Elizabeth Stenger
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Jackson, MS 39209

See Internship page on jacksonzoo.org/contact-us/internships for application details.