

Animal Care Internship

Unpaid Internship / Academic Credit Available with Approval



Date: Summer 2019

Position Description:

This position will provide a well-rounded intern experience for those individuals who are actively pursuing a career in animal husbandry. Interns will learn alongside professional animal care staff while assisting with diet preparation and distribution, cleaning enclosures and holding areas, observations, and implementing environmental enhancements and enrichment across the LAB's ambassador collection. Interns will also have learning opportunities and responsibilities involving informal guest interactions and conservation 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.

Qualifications:

- Must be 18 years or older to apply
- Must possess unrestricted work authorization
- Must provide own transportation to and from work
- Must provide proof of tetanus booster within ten years
- Available to work weekends and holidays
- Program will take 12 weeks to complete; 10 hours min./weekly; flexibility based on experience and availability
- Ability to multi task, work in a fast-paced environment, and engage with guests
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Must have excellent interpersonal skills
- Abide by all CSC LAB guidelines and policies

Required Education:

- College student or recent graduate majoring in biology, zoology, or related field
- Student in good standing, GPA 2.5 or higher

Location:

Children's Science Center Lab
11948L Fair Oaks Mall (entrance next to Mezeh and Lord & Taylor)
Fairfax, VA 22033

Compensation:

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

To Apply:

Please send a cover letter detailing reasons for interest in position, a favorite science joke, and a resume to Internships@ChildSci.org with "Animal Care Internship" in the subject line.

Please note: the intern will be responsible for all transportation costs and personal health insurance. Housing and transportation accommodations must be provided by the intern.