



Alexandria Zoo Conservation Education Internship Program

Offered year round, internships at Alexandria Zoo provide a platform for self-motivated, enthusiastic undergraduate and graduate students to gain practical, hands-on experience. Alexandria Zoo's Conservation Education intern position is an opportunity for students to build career-related skills in an informal education environment.

Alexandria Zoo's conservation education programs are designed to inspire conservation action by sparking curiosity and understanding of wildlife and the environment through engaging, interactive learning experiences.

Interns will assist the Education staff with the creation, development and implementation of lesson plans, educator resource materials, and evaluation tools for a wide range of audience ages. Education interns will also learn the methods of engaging guests of all ages and backgrounds using interpretation tools like artifacts.

INTERNSHIP ELIGIBILITY

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Must possess unrestricted work authorization
- Must provide own transportation to/from work
- Must provide proof of tetanus booster within seven years and negative TB test (dated within 6 months of start date) to begin internship
- Available to work weekends and holidays

REQUIRED EDUCATION

- College student or recent graduate majoring in biology, zoology, education or other related field
- Must be a sophomore or higher at the start of the internship
- Student in good standing, GPA 2.5 or higher

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Must commit to 20+ hours per week for a minimum of 10 consecutive weeks
- Have strong verbal communication skills, and pleasant telephone manner
- Be energetic, outgoing, and enthusiastic to learn
- Experience working with children
- Ability to speak in public
- Excellent oral and written communication skills

- Basic science and biology knowledge preferred, but not required
- Must have excellent interpersonal skills, be detail-oriented, organized, and effective time managers
- Be a fast learner and team player
- Require minimal supervision
- Have a familiarity with Microsoft Word and Excel
- Be self-motivated, reliable, and able to work outdoors in all weather conditions
- Ability to abide by all Alexandria Zoo staff guidelines and policies
- Ability to exercise care and judgment when working with exhibits and animals

BENEFITS

Internships are unpaid, but course credit can be arranged with the intern's educational institution. The intern is responsible for obtaining necessary approvals from their university for course credit.

INTERNSHIP SCHEDULE

Alexandria Zoo internships require a commitment of at least 20 hours per week for 10 consecutive weeks (minimum) Monday–Friday. Scheduling for this internship is flexible. Weekend hours may be required during special events.

- Summer Internships take place June–August, deadline for applying is April 12th
- Fall Internships take place from September–December, deadline for applying is August 1st
- Spring Internships take place January–May, deadline for applying is November 1st

TO APPLY

Email your application packet to the Education Curator at zoo.education@cityofalex.com

Please include:

- Resume
- Unofficial/official transcripts
- Paragraph stating why you would like to participate in this internship program
- Letter of recommendation from a professor/instructor/professional in your field

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.

While interns will handle Ambassador Animals and may assist the education keeper, *this is not an animal care internship*. While we will consider all applicants, those with an interest in education may find this internship more suitable than those focused on animal care.

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Promoting understanding and conservation of the natural world in which we live.