



## Animal Care Internships



### Asia Quest

#### Goal:

The goal of this internship is to provide a basic understanding of general husbandry of the animals located in Asia Quest. Interns will gain hands-on experience in the field as they grow in their positions. They will be an important part of the team while assisting in achieving the Zoo's mission.

#### Essential Duties

Responsibilities will include, but are not limited to, assisting full-time keeper staff in preparing animal diets, cleaning and maintaining animal enclosures and exhibits, observing animals and reporting any behavioral changes, learning basic training skills through observation, maintaining area grounds and buildings, interacting with the public and performing other duties as assigned. Interns will also be required to complete various quizzes, trainings, projects, and a final reflection paper assigned by the department.

During your time as an intern in Asia Quest Department, under the guidance of Full time staff, you will be able to work around a diverse collection of birds and hoof stock. You will also observe the care and training of such animals as Amur Tigers and Sloth bears.

#### Requirements

- Second Year College Student or recent graduate (2 years or less) in Zoology, Biology, Wildlife Management, Animal Science, Veterinary Medicine or related program.
- 2.5 or above accumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale
- TB test required.
- Prior animal care experience preferred.
- Ability to balance multiple assignments successfully.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Must be neat in appearance and maintain courteous behavior at all times.
- Ability to work in varied weather conditions (i.e. extreme heat, cold, rain, snow).
- Ability to work a flexible schedule including weekends, evenings and holidays (July 4th, Memorial Day, Columbus Day) required.
- Subject to BMV check.
- Subject to Criminal Background check.

**Hours:** Minimum of 20 hours/week for 12-16 weeks



## North America

### Goal:

The goal of this internship is to provide a basic understanding of general husbandry of the animals located in the North America region. Students will gain hands-on experience in the field while learning the day-to-day responsibilities of a full-time Zookeeper.

### Essential Duties

Responsibilities will include but are not limited to assisting full-time keepers with projects, preparing animal diets, cleaning and maintaining animal enclosures and exhibits, observing animals and reporting any behavioral changes, designing and delivering educational interpretation to the general public regarding animal behavior, habitat and conservation issues, maintaining area grounds and buildings and performing other duties as assigned. Interns will also be required to complete various quizzes, trainings, projects, and a final reflection paper assigned by the department.

### Requirements

- Second Year College Student or recent graduate (2 years or less) in Zoology, Biology, Wildlife Management, Animal Science, Veterinary Medicine or related program.
- 2.5 or above accumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale
- TB test required.
- Prior animal care experience preferred.
- Ability to balance multiple assignments successfully.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Must be neat in appearance and maintain courteous behavior at all times.
- Ability to work in varied weather conditions (i.e. extreme heat, cold, rain, snow).
- Ability to work a flexible schedule including weekends, evenings and holidays (July 4th, Memorial Day, Columbus Day) required.
- Subject to BMV check.
- Subject to Criminal Background check.

**Hours:** Minimum of 20 hours/week for 12-16 weeks



## Shores

### Goal:

The goal of this internship is to provide the student with an introduction to the aquatic zoo keeping field. General husbandry for marine species, shore birds, manatees or reptiles will be emphasized. The intern will be assigned to a specific area of the Shores region based off of student desire and experience.

### Essential Duties

Responsibilities will include but are not limited to assisting staff with preparing animal diets, cleaning and maintaining animal enclosures and exhibits, observing animals and reporting any behavioral changes, delivering educational interpretation to guests, and performing other tasks as assigned.

### Requirements

- Second Year College Student or recent graduate (2 years or less) in Zoology, Biology, Wildlife Management, Animal Science, Veterinary Medicine or related program.
- 2.5 or above accumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale
- TB test required.
- Interest in marine aquatic systems is preferred.
- Previous fish or reptile keeping and aquarium experience preferred.
- Ability to balance multiple assignments successfully.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Must be neat in appearance and maintain courteous behavior at all times.
- Ability to work in varied weather conditions (i.e. extreme heat, cold, rain, snow).
- Ability to work a flexible schedule including weekends, evenings and holidays required.
- Subject to Drug Free Workplace Policy.
- Subject to BMV check.
- Subject to Criminal Background check.

**Hours:** Minimum of 20 hours/week for 12-16 weeks



## Australia and the Islands

### Goal:

The goal of this internship is to provide a basic understanding of general husbandry of the animals located in the Australia and the Islands region and avian areas of the Congo Expedition region. Students will gain hands-on experience in the field while learning the day-to-day responsibilities of a full-time Zookeeper.

### Essential Duties

Responsibilities will include but are not limited to assisting full-time keepers in preparing animal diets, cleaning and maintaining animal enclosures and exhibits, observing animals and reporting any behavioral changes, designing and delivering educational interpretation to the general public regarding animal behavior, habitat and conservation issues, maintaining area grounds and buildings and performing other duties as assigned. Interns will also be required to complete various quizzes, trainings, projects, and a final reflection paper assigned by the department.

### Requirements

- Second Year College Student or recent graduate (2 years or less) in Zoology, Biology, Wildlife Management, Animal Science, Veterinary Medicine or related program.
- TB test required.
- Prior animal care experience preferred.
- Ability to balance multiple assignments successfully.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Must be neat in appearance and maintain courteous behavior at all times.
- Ability to work in varied weather conditions (i.e. extreme heat, cold, rain, snow).
- Ability to work a flexible schedule including weekends, evenings and holidays (July 4<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day, Juneteenth) required.
- Subject to BMV check.
- Subject to Criminal Background check.

**Hours:** Minimum of 20 hours/week for 12-16 weeks