

Plumpton Park Zoological Gardens

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Intern@plumptonparkzoo.org



JOB DESCRIPTION:

The Animal Care Internship is designed to provide hands-on experience to students pursuing careers in the animal keeping field. Interns will work alongside keepers to provide daily husbandry to the animals in the collection. Interns participate in various aspects of care to the animals such as diet preparation, enclosure upkeep, record keeping, providing enrichment, and public presentations. Interns will be able to provide independent care for our reptiles, avian, small mammals, and domestic animals on their own and be able to shadow Zookeepers for our primates, small carnivores, and larger mammals. Please note the internship does not provide the opportunity to work with our large carnivores. This educational opportunity allows interns to gain insight into animal care through shadowing and hands-on experience as well as completion of an independent project.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be at least 18 years old and a current or recently graduated college student
- Available to work weekdays, and weekends
- Be able to lift 50+ pounds and stand/walk for extended periods of time
- Must have access to reliable transportation
- Can work in all weather conditions
- Must be fluent in the English language
- Able and willing to read and follow verbal, as well as written work instructions
- Able to work independently and stay on task
- Willing to commit to upholding all Zoo safety and personal policies

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Cleaning, maintenance, and alteration of animal enclosures, exhibits and facilities;
- Record keeping of daily activities and animal nutrition;
- Educating and engaging guests and other duties as assigned

TIME COMMITMENT:

Spring

Application Deadline: January 1st

- Part-time: at least one day a week, end of January through May from 8am- 6pm
- Full-time: three days a week, end of January through May from 8am-5pm

Summer:

Application Deadline: April 1st

- Part-time: at least two days a week, mid-May through end of August from 8am-6pm
- Full-time: four days a week, mid-May through end of August from 8am-6pm

Fall

Application Deadline: July 1st

- Part-time: at least one day a week, end of August through December from 8am-6pm
- Full-time: three days a week, end of August through December from 8am-5pm

Winter:

Application Deadline: November 1st

- Full-time: three days a week, December through February from 8am-5pm [*Range is flexible based on school schedule*]

**All internships are unpaid. Plumpton Park Zoo does not provide housing for interns. It is the responsibility of the intern to arrange and pay for housing and associated costs of living for the duration of the internship.*

HOW TO APPLY:

To apply, please send a resume and cover letter stating career goals, prior experience, and other important information along with the application to Intern@plumptonparkzoo.org. Please specify interest in which season along with availability. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be taken into consideration.

Animal Care Internship Application

Contact Information

Name: _____

Permanent address:

(Address) (City) (Zip code)

Date of Birth: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Name of College: _____

Degree (In Progress): _____

Graduation Date (Estimated): _____

Are you seeking college credit for this internship? _____

Have you ever volunteered at Plumpton Park Zoo? _____

How did you hear about this internship? _____

Please shortly explain how you believe this internship will help you achieve your career goals.

Select the skills you can offer as in an intern (select all that apply)

Small Animal Care ____ Domestic Pets ____ Birds ____
Exotic Animal Care ____ Farm Animal Care ____ Reptiles ____
Public Speaking ____ Previous Zoo Experience ____

Additional relevant skills, activities, experience, and/or classes:

Please check which internship you are applying for and circle Full-time or Part-time:

_____ Spring Internship(FT/PT)

_____ Summer Internship (FT/PT)

_____ Fall Internship (FT/PT)

_____ Winter Internship (FT/PT)

Please write what days you are able to work (Sun-Sat) and possible start date. Include any time you know you need off as well (planned vacations, work schedule, etc.)

Intern Signature

I understand that I must be at least 18 years old to apply for this position and that I will not receive any monetary compensation for my services.

Signature: _____ Date: _____