



THE ZOO
IN FOREST PARK

Forest Park
Zoological Society

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Internship Program

The Internship Program at the Zoo In Forest Park provides an opportunity for college students to acquire experience working with exotic and indigenous animal species. The Zoo provides a unique atmosphere to develop research methods and conduct field studies; work on communication, teaching skills and program development; or gain experience in administration or sales.

While working closely with Animal Care staff, you might learn about animal nutrition and help prepare diets; conduct a study or project on animal behavior, animal enrichment or exhibit design; and assist in animal maintenance and feeding.

In collaboration with the Education Department, an intern might help develop curricula for new programs; conduct hands-on animal programs; take reservations for school groups; or lead guided tours, all while increasing knowledge about certain animals and developing public speaking skills.

Opportunities are also available in historical documentation, grant writing, marketing and development, promotional pieces design, making educational displays, creating visitor surveys, and a host of other projects.

Individual fields of interest and the exploration of original ideas are enthusiastically encouraged and supported.

It is the responsibility of the intern and supervising professors to develop research projects or goals that satisfy degree requirements, with input and guidance from zoo staff.

Application Procedure

Fill out the application and return it to the Education Office at the Zoo at least four weeks before the start of your school session. An interview is required before acceptance into the program. Please call Alison Summers, Director of Education with any questions you may have. We look forward to discussing the Internship Program with you.

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