

Conservation Education Internship



The Potter Park Zoo Education Department is offering a limited number of unpaid full-time (40 hours) and part-time (20 hours) internships. The Conservation Education Internship provides a practical learning experience and knowledge of informal conservation education in a zoological setting.

Duties and tasks may include but are not limited to:

1. Developing programs and/or activities under the guidance of education department staff, to be implemented by interns, staff, and volunteers for education on-grounds and online. (Occasional off-grounds opportunities may be available depending on programming and public health recommendations.)
2. Assist in the daily operation of the education department, including ongoing projects, records and reporting, event set-up/clean-up, and other duties as assigned.
3. Assist with interdepartmental events and projects (primarily with Event and Fund Development departments) and DEAI initiatives.
4. Develop and implement conservation education messaging in the form of blog posts, social media, and community outreach projects.
5. Participate in on-grounds education throughout the zoo including education stations, play-based learning in the Nature Play area, etc.
6. Complete relevant online and in-person training programs and certifications.
7. *Please Note: Education, hospitality and media & design interns do not participate in animal husbandry, nor do they have contact with animals.*

Requirements

1. Currently pursuing or recently graduated with a degree in zoology, biology, education, environmental education, conservation science or a related field preferred.
2. Junior/Senior college level students preferred. Experience will be considered if not pursuing a degree.
3. Must enjoy working with diverse populations.
4. Interest in engaging the public in conservation education opportunities and play-based learning.
5. Must be self-motivated, energetic, adaptable, and able to work as part of a team.
6. Must pass a background check.

Further Comments

1. Work for 2021 will be conducted according to current public health recommendations. We are hoping to offer a good deal of in-person work, but some work may be done remotely with flexible schedules if conditions require. Many of the initial training modules will be online.
2. On-site hours will generally be during the week. There will be some required weekend and evening events/programs, depending on public health guidelines.
3. This is an unpaid internship. College credit is available; the intern is responsible for obtaining the necessary paperwork and approval from their university.
4. Potter Park Zoo is an equal opportunity employer, dedicated to a policy of non-discrimination in application and employment for any reason, including race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, national origin, age, disability or medical status including genetic information, and/or veteran's status.

How to Apply

Fill out an online application at <https://potterparkzoo.org/internships/> , and send resume and cover letter electronically to: zooeducation@ingham.org

Or by mail:

Attn: Internships
Education Department
Potter Park Zoo
1301 South Pennsylvania Avenue
Lansing, MI 48912

Application Deadlines:

Summer- April 1, 2021

Fall- August 1, 2021

Winter/Spring 2022- Nov 15, 2021