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Organization: Utah’s Hogle Zoo (AZA Member)

Internship: Elephant Encounter Internship

Location: Salt Lake City, Utah, United States

POSITION SUMMARY:

This internship is geared towards college students and recent graduates who are interested in playing a direct role in caring for African Elephants, White Rhinos, and Bald Eagles.

All candidates should be organized, self- motivated, dependable, positive, have excellent people skills, and show an interest in pursuing a career in animal care management. This internship is an in-depth program requiring a 40-hour per week commitment for 12 weeks. Interns must be flexible with their schedule and have the ability to work weekdays, weekends, and holidays. It is an unpaid position; housing, travel expenses and transportation are the responsibilities of the candidate. Interns will need to complete a final project and keep a weekly journal as part of their internship.

REPORTS TO: Animal Care Supervisor of Elephant Encounter

DATES: Summer May 23- August 15, 2022 (start and end date may be flexible based on school schedule)

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Interns will assist in the care of our 2 African Elephants, 2 White Rhinos, and 2 Bald Eagles. From barn and exhibit maintenance to enrichment and observation of training sessions this position will give real world experience in the field of zoo animal keeping. ****No direct elephant contact will be permitted****

This internship is designed to provide instruction in the following areas:

- Animal husbandry
- Nutrition and diets
- Record keeping
- Public education

Intern duties may include the following under keeper supervision (may vary based on skill level and departmental needs)

- Diet preparation and feeding
- Proper nutrition and care for the animals in the collection
- Maintaining of animal exhibits and holding areas according to USDA and AZA regulations
- Observing and recording animal conditions, behaviors and responses
- Animal enrichment
- Observation of training sessions
- Positive and educational interactions with zoo guests



QUALIFICATIONS:

Applicant should have a strong career interest in animal husbandry and informal education in a zoological setting. Applicant should currently be enrolled in a college or university and have a minimum of one year of course work in a major field of study to be applied during the internship (biology, zoology, environmental science, or a related field.) or have recently graduated. Previous experience working with animals preferred. Qualified applicants must be able to work in a team environment with people of all ages. They should be able to lift 50 pounds and work outdoors in the typical Utah climate. Interns need to have a recent TB test and Tetanus shot. The applicant needs to demonstrate maturity, self-motivation, and an ability to follow direction. A basic knowledge and understanding of computer word processing, Excel spreadsheets, and PowerPoint is helpful. The ability to gain and hold a driver's license is required. First Aid/CPR certified preferred.

WORK SCHEDULE: 40 hours a week for a minimum of 12 weeks (holidays and weekends may be required)

COMPENSATION: The Elephant Encounter internship is unpaid. Professional development opportunities will be available. Possible college credit is available for those able to receive it through their college/university. No housing provided.

TO APPLY: Applications are due by **February 14 2022**.

Please visit https://www.hoglezoo.org/jobs_volunteers/internships/ to fill out an application. In addition to completing the application send a resume, cover letter, and informal transcript to volunteeroffice@hoglezoo.org .

Applicants will be contacted for interviews at the end of February, please do not expect to hear from us before then.

Please e-mail volunteeroffice@hoglezoo.org with any questions.

Utah's Hogle Zoo is committed to providing a diverse and inclusive internship program representative of a variety of backgrounds, age groups, perspectives, experiences, abilities, and strengths.



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