

Cincinnati Zoo Veterinary Technician Internship (Unpaid)

Description: minimum of 6 weeks (40 hours per week unpaid, un-benefited) professional intern position with the Animal Health Department. Two separate internships are offered during the summer months with the first internship session beginning in mid-May and the second session starting in mid-July. Regular off-days will be Saturday/Sunday.

Summary: Under the direction and supervision of the Veterinary Technicians and Veterinarians, will provide assistance in the veterinary care of the animal collection. Responsibilities include but not limited to:

- Sets up for procedures
- Sets up and performs laboratory procedures
- Assists during anesthetic procedures including monitoring of patients physiological parameters - heart rate, respiratory rate, blood pressure, oxygenation.
- Provides medication administration through topical, oral, intravenous, intramuscular, and subcutaneous
- Participates in medical behavior training.
- Assists with necropsy procedures.
- Maintains the Zoo Hospital, including sanitation, inventory of supplies and medications.
- Prepares medications.
- Assists with medical record keeping, filing, data entry and organizing.
- Interacts with keeper staff as needed.
- Maintains a safe environment including the handling and disposal of sharp objects and biological samples, as well as other Zoo related and animal related safety protocols.
- Interacts with Zoo visitors courteously and offers proper attention at all times.

Qualifications:

Education: Graduates or students currently enrolled in a Veterinary Technician program (preference given to students who are seniors).

Skills: Good written and oral communication skills. Good computer skills, including Microsoft Office (Word & Excel). General knowledge of medical terminology and disease processes. General knowledge of the anatomy and physiology of mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians. Ability to read and interpret documents such as safety rules, operating and maintenance instructions. Ability to calculate figures and amounts. Ability to apply concepts of basic algebra and geometry.

Successful candidates will embrace and continuously demonstrate the Core Values of the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden which include, but are not limited to: Building **Collaborative Relationships** through open communication and active listening; having **Positivity and Energy** through positive attitudes and making time to celebrate successes; having **Accountability, Mutual Trust and Respect** through taking ownership of issues, learning from mistakes, treating others with respect, holding self and others accountable and doing what you say you're going to do; possessing **Progressive Thinking** through being a self-directed learner, and learning from others, thinking creatively, challenging the status quo respectfully, and demonstrating relentless pursuit for improvement; and having **Pride, Passion & a Sense of Ownership** through respect and care for the living collection, going the extra mile, always being an advocate for the Zoo and demonstrating a strong personal ownership.

Working Conditions/Other Requirements: While performing the duties of this position the intern is regularly required to stand; walk; climb or balance and grasp objects. In addition, the intern is regularly exposed to outside weather conditions; must be able to lift & move 75 pounds without mechanical assistance.

- Appointment is conditional upon passing a pre-start drug & nicotine screen
- Must provide a negative TB test result prior to beginning the internship
- Candidates must provide proof of current medical insurance, and maintain this insurance for the duration of the internship

Limited housing is available for a minimum fee and is located across the street from the Zoo.