

Support The Zoo

Volunteer:

Do you have a love for animals? Would you like to get involved with conservation? Are you interested in learning more about how zoos run?

If so, you might want to sign up to volunteer at the zoo.

Volunteers are essential to our organization, and assist us in many ways. Whether you are interested in assisting behind-the-scenes or interacting with the public, there are a number of ways to volunteer at the Zoo. We currently have the following volunteer positions available:

Docents - (ages 18 and older)

Junior Docents- (ages 14 - 18)

Administration - (ages 18 and older)

Children's Center - (ages 14 and older)

Events and Programs - (ages 18 and older)

College Internship Program

YOU CAN BE A PART OF ALL THIS !

[Intern Application](#)

[Volunteer Application](#)

Applications can be e-mailed or printed and sent to the address below:

Volunteer Coordinator

Staten Island Zoo

614 Broadway

Staten Island, NY 10310

Ph: 718-442-3174 ext. 37

Fax: 718-442-8492

Email: education@statenilandzoo.org

Internships:

The Staten Island Zoo offers three distinct internships: Animal Care, Education, and Veterinary Technician. These positions are unpaid, educational experiences for currently enrolled, or recently graduated (within 1 year) college students in 2 or 4 year degree-granting programs. During their time at the Zoo, interns gain educational and hands-on, practical work experience.

Internship opportunities range in length from 3 months to one year, and have a minimum requirement of at least 3 months. Internship start dates are scattered throughout the year at the beginning of the following months, January, March, June and September.

After full competition of all requirements, students will be given a certificate denoting the successful completion of Staten Island Zoo's College Internship Program. Credit will be awarded if necessary.

Application Requirements:

To apply for an internship, students must include:

1. The College Internship Application.
2. A resume and cover letter stating their professional objectives.
3. A copy of their official transcript including cumulative GPA.

* Only those students who include all materials will be considered for an interview. Openings may exist after the application due dates. Please call 1-718-442-3174 x37 for current

openings.

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NOTE: All candidates will be notified by mail, e-mail, or phone of application results. All interns must provide record of a negative TB Test upon start of their internship.

Animal Care:

Overall Description

The Animal Care Internship offers students the opportunity to assist the Zoo's Animal Department with the aspects of daily husbandry and routine care of its collection.

Qualifications

The internship is open to students who are currently enrolled, or recently graduated (within 1 year) in 2 or 4 year degree-granting program at an accredited college or university. Students must be enrolled in one of the following acceptable fields of study: biology, environmental science, veterinary technology, zoology, or other related majors.

Requirements

Students must be able to meet the minimum internship length requirement of 3 months. Also,

students are required to work a minimum of one, 8 hour shift per week. This internship area has a maximum capacity of 5 students, with no more than two students working the same shift/day.

Duties

This internship allows students to assist keeper staff with all aspects of daily husbandry for the Zoo's collection, including feeding, cleaning, and routine exhibit maintenance.

By shadowing keepers in multiple rotations throughout the Zoo, students will attain an education in working with, and caring for, a wide diversity of animals.

The internship takes students around the Zoo through rotations intended to provide maximum exposure to the Zoo's animal collection. The first rotation is within the Children's Zoo. During this rotation and all rotations, students gain an understanding of what it is like to work for a Zoo of this size. Students are then sent to the Commissary where they assist with preparing the necessary diets for the Zoo's collection. Students are then brought into the Zoo's main building, and begin rotations through the African Savannah, Aquarium, and Tropical Rainforest to gain experience each of these specific collections.

Veterinary Technician:

Overall Description

The Veterinary Technician (Vet. Tech.) Internship offers students the opportunity to assist the Zoo's Animal Department with daily animal care and routine veterinary work in the Animal Hospital and Nursery.

Qualifications

The internship is open to students who are currently enrolled, or recently graduated (within 1 year) in 2 or 4 year degree-granting program at an accredited college or university. Students must be enrolled in one of the following acceptable fields of study: biology, environmental science, veterinary technology, zoology, or other related majors.

Requirements

Students must be able to meet the minimum internship length requirement of 3 months. Also, students are required to work a minimum of one, 8 hour shift per week. This internship area has a maximum capacity of 1 student at any given time. Students must also have prior experience in a veterinary clinic.

Duties

Students will assist keeper staff with all aspects of daily husbandry for the exotic and domestic collection in the Zoo's Hospital and Nursery, including feeding, cleaning, and routine exhibit maintenance. Students will also get the opportunity to assist veterinary staff with administering medical treatments and lab work.

Education:

Overall Description

The Education Internship offers students the opportunity to assist the Zoo's Education Department. Students will gain experience in public speaking, interpretation, educational programming, and teaching in both formal and informal situations.

Qualifications

The internship is open to students who are currently enrolled, or recently graduated (within 1 year) in 2 or 4 year degree-granting program at an accredited college or university. Students must be enrolled in one of the following acceptable fields of study: biology, education,

environmental science, veterinary technology, zoology, or other related majors. Past experience in animal husbandry is a plus, but not a necessity. However, students must be comfortable working with animals. The Zoo will provide on-the-job training.

Requirements

Students must be able to meet the minimum internship length requirement of 3 months. Also, students are required to work a minimum of one, 8 hour shift per week. This internship area has a maximum capacity of 3 students, with no more than 2 students working a shift at any given time.

Duties

Students will assist Education Department staff with paid educational programs for grades K-8 on and off Zoo grounds, and perform daily informal education for Zoo guests. Students will work collaboratively with staff to develop and evaluate curriculum and lesson plans for paid and unpaid programs, and assist with clerical duties and research. Students will also assist with the routine animal care necessary for the Education Department's animal collection.

For more information on becoming a volunteer, please contact the Volunteer Office at 718-442-3174 x37, or via e-mail at education@statenilandzoo.org