HOW YOU WILL IMPACT OUR MISSION

Wildlife Care Interns, under supervision from Wildlife Care Associates, Specialists and Supervisors, will gain knowledge and experience working around a variety of animal species, and engage with guests about wildlife and the mission of SDZWA.

Interns will also have the opportunity to learn about various specializations in the zoological career field through regularly scheduled Lunch and Learn Lectures with leading subject matter experts and specialized tour experiences at both the San Diego Zoo and the Safari Park.

WHAT YOU WILL DO

- Participate in scheduled learning activities and program evaluations.
- Provide for the general care and welfare of habitat wildlife under general supervision.
- Observe habitat wildlife behavior and report abnormal behavior.
- Educate guests about wildlife and the mission of the Organization.
- Under supervision from Staff, clean and maintain habitat areas.
- May assist in feeding habitat wildlife under general supervision.

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR

Applicants must be currently pursuing or planning to pursue an undergraduate degree. Candidates who will have completed a bachelor's degree prior to the end of the internship are not eligible. A cover letter is required and must be included with the application for consideration.

JOB EXPERIENCE

- Training and/or experience that would demonstrate the essential functions, knowledge and skills listed.
- Must be 18 years of age or older.

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

- Desire to pursue a career in the zoological field.
- Communicate effectively (verbal and written).
- Able to learn the proper methods and procedures for hygienic wildlife care, feeding and handling.
- Able to deal tactfully and courteously with the public.

IMPORTANT DETAILS

- Location: San Diego and Escondido, CA
- Position Type: 10-week Internship from June 14, 2027 - August 20, 2027
- Stipend: $4,160.00
- Applications open: November 2-15, 2026