

Organization: Utah's Hogle Zoo (AZA Member)

Location: Salt Lake City, Utah, United States

Unpaid Internship: Conservation Internship- Field



Utah's Hogle Zoo is currently accepting applications for an internship within the Conservation Department (4 positions available).

This internship program is designed to provide learning opportunities and practical experience, while gaining valuable knowledge relating to a career in wildlife conservation. The Conservation Intern (Field) will assist the Citizen Science Wildlife Biologist with the preparation and facilitation of conservation programs, the majority of which will be field-work, but will also include research and helping with on-site sustainability programs. Our internship offers a hands-on opportunity to work in a conservation program in a zoological setting. We require a commitment of 7 weeks. This is not a Mon-Fri 9-5, some weekend work is required and overnight work in remote areas will be required at least once a month. This is an unpaid position and no housing is provided.

REPORTS TO: Citizen Science Wildlife Biologist

DATES: Summer 2019: Term 1: May 13th – July 28th (7 weeks)

Term 2: July 1st – August 16th (7 weeks)

Level of intern interest will allow the possibility of a 14 week internship running across both terms.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The main duty of the candidate will be to assist in boreal toad (*Anaxyrus boreas boreas*) research throughout the state of Utah. This will include field work, research, and literature development.

Intern duties include the following:

- participate in wildlife monitoring activities- the majority of which will be amphibian-including; site visits, visual encounter surveys, PIT tag scanning, water quality measurements, habitat assessments and habitat restoration work
- attend meetings with partner organizations (eg Forest Service, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources)
- help develop documents needed to support conservation and sustainability programs in various departments
- help organize supplies for conservation projects and provide program support
- document conservation field projects, data entry
- opportunities to take part in related events and classes
- opportunities to shadow zoo keepers
- keep an up to date weekly journal
- assist with the Zoo's recycling and sustainability program

QUALIFICATIONS: Be currently enrolled in/ or have recently graduated from a college or university. Experience working in the field preferred, it is however essential the candidate enjoy working outdoors. Demonstrated enthusiasm for and interest in working in the conservation field. Interns need to have a recent TB test, and tetanus shot. Because of the nature of working in the field, the applicant needs to demonstrate maturity, self-motivation, and an ability to follow direction. In addition, an aptitude for hiking, ability to swim, a good level of fitness, be open to camping, and working in outdoor conditions must be demonstrated. A basic knowledge and understanding of computer word processing and PowerPoint is helpful.

WORK SCHEDULE: 24-40 hours a week for a minimum of 7 weeks. Interns may be scheduled to work on holidays and weekends and there will be overnight trips.

COMPENSATION: The Conservation 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.

Utah's Hogle Zoo is proud to announce the Beagle Conservation Scholarship. This \$1400 scholarship is open to ethnic minority candidates. Please email Kayleigh kmullen@hoglezoo.org for more information.

TO APPLY: Applications are due by **March 1st, 2019**. Please visit http://www.hoglezoo.org/jobs_volunteers/internships/ to complete an application.

In addition to completing the application send a resume, cover letter, and informal transcript to: volunteeroffice@hoglezoo.org