

Summer Internships at



These highly competitive programs offer an opportunity of a lifetime. Applicants will be selected to participate in a volunteer summer internship program starting in the middle of May and continuing through August. Students must be 18 or older, be currently enrolled as a part or full-time student, or a recent college or upper level graduate (within three years of graduation). Students must choose one of five departments including Animal Care, Education, Veterinary Care, Horticulture or Entomology.

Applications for this coming summer are due February 16th. This includes a completed application as well as a letter of recommendation and one-page essay. Please send everything and direct questions by mail or e-mail to:

Maggie Sackrider
Connecticut's Beardsey Zoo
1875 Noble Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06610-1600

Or

MSackrider@beardsleyzoo.org

Timeline:

February 16 th	Application/Essay/Letter of Recommendation Due
March 10, 18, 26, 31	Interview and Shadow Day
May (flexible)	Start Day
July 7 th	Mid-summer switch (Animal Care interns only)
August (flexible)	Last Day

Animal Care internship:

Students will begin in one of four areas of the zoo: hoofstock, rainforest, predators or farmyard. Interns will be required to participate four days a week with a fixed schedule.

Duties vary but may include daily cleaning and exhibit maintenance, dietary preparation, creating and monitoring animal enrichment, and assisting zoo keepers in any husbandry projects. A mid summer switch between areas may be a part of the schedule; this will give the students the opportunity to experience working with a different set of animals and staff.

A day in the life of a predator intern may include:

- 8:00am: Arrive at the zoo, catch up with the keepers in the area about any changes that have occurred in my absence.
- 8:30am: Perform a head count in the walk-through aviary, feed the birds and then start cleaning.
- 9:30am: Help feed and give the white-tail deer fresh water and clean the exhibit.
- 10:00am: Clean the fox holding and exhibit.
- 10:20am: Take break.
- 10:30am: Drop and pressure wash the turtle pool. Help the keepers weigh and de-worm the turtles.
- 12:00pm: Talk to the public about natural history and behavior during an otter training session.
- 12:30pm: Eat lunch.
- 1:00pm: Prepare diets for the animals in the area.
- 2:30pm: Help keepers build a crate to ship the alligators.
- 3:30pm: Gather and prepare enrichment items for the animals of the area.
- 4:00pm: Give enrichment to the bears and monitor its success.
- 4:30pm: Fill out daily paper work and go home and get some sleep.

Education:

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Interns will also have the opportunity to be involved with a variety of on and off grounds programs. Other projects may include assisting with lesson plan revising, gathering information for animal care or presentations and creating event activities. Interns are required to participate four days a week with a fixed schedule.

Horticulture:

Get experience in our greenhouse, rain garden, and numerous annual beds. Work with a variety of cacti, orchids and tropical ethno botanical plants. You can help with propagation and maintenance of a variety of endangered plant species. Help us with our wetlands recreation, invasive species removal, and animal exhibit plantings. This is a great opportunity to learn how a large scale public facility operates. This internship required participation three days a week with a fixed schedule.

Veterinary Care:

A focus in veterinary science and medicine is required for this position. Daily activities and responsibilities vary drastically. Two days a week students will be observing veterinary rounds which may include clinical diagnostics, vaccinations and check-ups. On rare occasions students may have the opportunity to observe surgical procedures. Intern's responsibilities include daily animal husbandry, behavior observation and recording medical information. This internship is three days a week with a fixed schedule.

Entomology:

Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo is seeking interns to participate in a three-year Burying Beetle Project. The project has two primary focuses:

1. Surveying of Insect populations. Tasks include making, setting and repairing traps, handling and identifying insects, and collecting insects for study.
2. Insect Husbandry. Tasks include daily care of insects collected for exhibit/breeding, exhibit/holding cleaning and maintenance, feeding, and record keeping.

We seek reliable, motivated individuals. Attention to detail & solid record-keeping skills are a must. Must be able to lift up to 50 lbs equipment/supplies & work outdoors under varying conditions. Will be responsible for inputting survey data and data from exhibit/breeding colonies as well as general analysis of data. Must have working knowledge of Excel and Word. Students with research experience/interest preferred. Also individuals with insect handling experience.

Individuals will be required to work 3 days per week on a fixed schedule. Collecting begins May and goes through August.

For more information or to monitor your application contact Maggie Sackrider at msackrider@beardsleyzoo.org or call 203 394 6563.



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This position is currently unpaid, but students may obtain college credit.

Application Deadline: April 4, 2010

Please contact Lindsay Carubia at that below address for application instructions:

lcarubia@beardsleyzoo.org



Summer Internships Available in our Horticulture Department

Application Deadline: February 16th 2009

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Summer Internships Available in Environmental Education

Applicants will be selected to participate in a volunteer summer internship program starting in the middle of May and continuing through August. Participants will be required to commit three or four days a week for eight weeks during this time.

Intern duties may include various animal husbandry tasks including cleaning and enrichment.

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<http://www.beardsleyzoo.org/get-involved/summer-intern.asp>

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