

**Title:** Summer Internship

**Duration:** 12 weeks

**Overview:** Are you passionate about wildlife and conservation? Join us for an immersive and educational summer internship at San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance! This unique opportunity will provide you with hands-on experience in wildlife care and conservation. As an intern, you'll work alongside experienced wildlife care specialists contributing to the well-being of the diverse wildlife we care for, while learning about wildlife behaviors, habitats, and conservation needs. While this program does not guarantee you a position at San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance at the end of your internship, many of our former interns have successfully embarked on professional careers within wildlife care and conservation.

**Key Responsibilities:**

- Assist wildlife care specialists in daily care routines, including feeding, cleaning, and habitat maintenance.
- Participate in the creation and implementation of strategies to promote species-specific natural behaviors.
- Learn about various wildlife species and their specific care requirements.
- Collaborate with the wildlife care team to ensure the health and safety of wildlife we care for.
- Gain insight into conservation initiatives, and participate in educational programs.
- Attend educational courses to enhance your knowledge of wildlife care and conservation.

**Qualifications:**

- Enthusiasm for wildlife conservation and wildlife welfare
- Pursuing a degree in biology, zoology, wildlife management, or a related field (preferred, but not required)
- Strong communication skills and ability to work as part of a team
- Physical fitness and ability to perform tasks that involve lifting, bending, and working outdoors in various weather conditions
- Prior experience with animals or volunteering in animal-related organizations (preferred, but not required).

**Benefits:**

- Paid internship with a stipend to help cover living expenses
- Valuable hands-on experience in wildlife care and conservation
- Opportunity to learn from experienced professionals in the field
- Access to San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance's extensive resources and facilities.
- Networking opportunities with fellow interns and wildlife care professionals.

**Application Process:**

- Submit a resume, cover letter, and any relevant course work or experience.
  - Cover letter should include the top three species/areas you are most interested in working with.
- Candidate finalists will be invited for an interview.
- Successful applicants will be notified via email.

**Applications Open:** January 15, 2024

**Application Deadline:** January 28, 2024

Don't miss this chance to contribute to the well-being of wildlife while gaining invaluable experience in the world of wildlife care and conservation. Apply now to embark on a rewarding summer internship journey at the San Diego Zoo and San Diego Zoo Safari Park!