

## **Louisville Zoo Veterinary Technician Pre-Graduate Externship**

**PURPOSE:** To provide Veterinary Technology students an introduction to zoological medicine. To provide graduate Veterinary Technicians further study in zoological medicine.

**THE ZOO:** Open since 1969, the Louisville Zoo consists of approximately 470 species of animals housed on more than 70 acres. Specimens include mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish.

The Animal Health Center (AHC) is staffed by a staff veterinarian, veterinary associate, hospital manager, 2 veterinary technicians, and 3 keepers.

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** Preferred duration is at least 8 weeks and externships are available throughout the year. Externs and interns are expected to participate as a team member in all veterinary department activities including assisting in routine medical care, animal restraint, written and computerized medical records, and preparing for procedures in the hospital and in the field. Students perform laboratory procedures including hematology, parasite exams, urinalysis, cytology, and preparing samples for outside laboratories. Forty to fifty percent of a student's time is spent in the laboratory. Approximately 30% is spent preparing for, assisting in, and cleaning up after procedures. Hospital cleanliness, treatments, records keeping and other duties make up the balance of time.

There is no stipend and housing is the responsibility of the student. Preference is given to those students with veterinary clinic experience.

**HOURS:** 8:30 – 4:30 Monday through Friday. Additional hours or weekends as required.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Proof of negative tuberculosis test within 6 months prior to externship. Measles, rabies and hepatitis vaccinations suggested, but not required.

Pre-graduates must be enrolled in an approved veterinary technology program. Completion of parasitology and hematology labs is required. Completion of anesthesia, urinalysis, microbiology courses strongly recommended. Minimum GPA of 3.0 is preferred.

### **APPLICATION**

1. Letter of intent describing background, interest, goals, and dates requested.
2. Resume
3. Letters of reference - 2
4. Veterinary technology program transcript.
5. Interview. Interviews to be scheduled once the above is received. Telephone interviews may be arranged.

### **SEND APPLICATION TO:**

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