

2019 Veterinary Technician Externship

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Zoo Atlanta offers an externship opportunity each year for a Veterinary Technician in his or her final year of an accredited program. The externship must be part of the required curriculum and count toward graduation credits. This program is voluntary and no stipend is available.

The program is designed for students who wish to acquire experience working in a clinical setting with a zoological collection and will offer hands on opportunities to work with a wide range of species. The zoo veterinarians and the senior veterinary technician supervise this position. Anesthesia, restraint, sample collection, and laboratory techniques with exotic animals will be covered.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Charged with the responsibility to seek out and participate in a zoological veterinary related experience that will enhance their educational goals.

Conduct him or herself in an ethical, positive, and professional manner. Volunteers and externs, as well as staff, represent Zoo Atlanta.

OBJECTIVES:

To expand the student's technical abilities by providing the extern with an opportunity to observe, assist and perform tasks that relate to the field of zoological medicine.

Demonstrate the scope and pace of a zoological hospital setting to the student by providing insight into the zoo's operations, missions and procedures.

QUALIFICATIONS:

This program is voluntary, and no stipend is available.

Ideally candidates should be planning on a wildlife, zoo or exotic animal career path.

Already have completed a surgery/anesthesia class.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS: Must be able to be on your feet for up to 4 hours at a time and lift up to 30 pounds.

WORK ENVIRONMENT: Must be able to work outdoors in all weather conditions.

SCHEDULE: 8:00am-5:00pm Mondays thru Fridays. However, this has some flexibility to allow students to meet particular school requirements/obligations or to participate in after hour emergencies or special procedures.

Directions:

TO APPLY:

Submitted application requirements include a copy of your curriculum vitae, statement of intent/purpose, time period requested, and a recommendation by a faculty member.

The application material should be sent at least 3 months in advance to:

Melanie Haire
Senior Veterinary Technician
Zoo Atlanta
Veterinary Clinic
800 Cherokee Ave.
Atlanta, GA 30315
404-624-5640

Please submit all required materials directly to Melanie Haire in order to be considered for this externship opportunity. Thank you!