

Intern Position Description



Department: Zoology

Intern Title: Animal Resources Intern

Purpose: To gain experience with animal handling/demonstration/husbandry. Ensures that animal facilities are appropriately cared for and maintained as well as conducts regularly scheduled animal-based educational programs for Museum guests. Upon completion of internship, intern should feel competent in all basic aspects of animal care and animal-based education programming at CMC.

Background: The Animal Resources Department at CMC provides animals for daily animal demonstrations in the Museum as well as birthday parties, Scout programs, Programs on Wheels outreach programs and overnights. The department also maintains exhibits in the Museum for the public to view.

Location: Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal – 1301 Western Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45203

Key Responsibilities:

Daily:

- Assist the Animal Resources department in caring for several species of local snakes, turtles and mammals, as well as local and exotic fish and invertebrates
- Assist the Animal Resources department in presenting animal-based educational programs for Museum visitors of all ages and backgrounds

Weekly:

- Master the skills necessary to care of one of our captive species
- Educate a diverse audience about one of our captive species

Requirements:

- Currently enrolled in an undergraduate Biology, Zoology, Ecology, Animal Husbandry, Zoo Science or related program
- Foster a sincere interest in pursuing a career in animal care
- Be a team player with excellent organizational skills
- Maintain discipline to complete task independently
- Must possess strong communication and customer service skills to present effective animal-based programming to diverse audiences, and to communicate with coworkers.

Reports To: Ann Wegman, Animal Resources Coordinator

Length of Appointment: 10 weeks

Time Commitment: 20 hours a week

Benefits:

- Free admission to all permanent CMC exhibits and access to the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center
- Free parking at Cincinnati Museum Center locations
- Discounts at food locations
- Invitations to select exhibit previews, special events and lectures
- Professional development, training opportunities and work experience

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Dress Code: Close toed shoes, khaki or black shorts or pants, CMC uniform shirt

Age Requirement, if any:

Eligible candidates considering an internship are defined as individuals who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- currently enrolled as an undergraduate student
- currently enrolled as a graduate student
- have graduated within the past year