



**Title:** Paid Wildlife Care Summer Internship

**Duration:** 10 weeks

**Dates:** 6/16/25–8/22/25

**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 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.
- 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 coursework or experience.
  - Cover letter should include your experience, why you are interested in this internship, and how this internship will benefit you in the future.
- Candidate finalists will be invited for an interview.
- Successful applicants will be notified via email.

**Applications Open:** November 4, 2024

**Application Deadline:** November 18, 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!



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