



Conservation & Science Student Research Internship

Application Packet

The Dallas Zoo &
The Children's Aquarium at Fair Park

Please fill out and mail or email to:

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INSTRUCTIONS

The goal of these internships is to teach students about research in a zoo setting. While some projects may include watching animals, these internships do not include direct interaction with the animals, such as training, feeding, or cleaning. *These internships are not designed to teach students about zookeeping.*

Please note that we cannot offer housing, transportation or financial assistance to interns.

Application

Please return the following to the address on the front page:

1. A completed application packet
 - a. Conservation & Science Student Research Internship Application
 - b. Volunteer Application (check the "Research" box)
 - c. Volunteer Release and Waiver of Liability
2. A résumé

The application deadline is April 1, 2012.

Process

1. The Conservation & Science staff will review the application and contact you regarding their decision.
2. Part of this packet is a consent for a criminal background check. This is standard for all volunteers at the Dallas Zoo and Children's Aquarium at Fair Park.
3. You will also need to get a tuberculosis test dated no more than one month prior to the start of the internship. You must provide a copy of your test result to the zoo's Volunteer Services Department prior to beginning any work on zoo grounds. The tuberculosis skin test must be the "Mantoux" test. The TB tine test is NOT acceptable.

For questions, please contact:

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AVAILABLE RESEARCH INTERNSHIPS

The Dallas Zoo offers summer research internships for college student volunteers to assist the researchers with on-going research projects. All internships require a *minimum* commitment of 200 hours over a period of at least 12 weeks. More hours are preferred. The internship runs from May through August.

Interns have the opportunity to learn behavioral data collection and analysis, sample processing, and other techniques related to zoological research. All interns are expected to present the results of their projects in both oral and written form at the end of the internship. In addition to their research, interns participate in a weekly seminar on a broad array of subjects. All interns receive an evaluation and letter of reference upon successful completion of an internship. Arrangements can be made for interns to earn college credit.

There are several types of internships, depending on the interests and experience of the applicant.

Introductory Research Internship

Goal: learn research techniques by assisting the researchers with on-going research projects.

Primary Duties: data collection, sample processing, data entry, and introductory data analysis.

Eligibility: students must have had at least one year of introductory biology courses.

Advanced Research Internship

Goal: learn research analysis and presentation techniques by helping complete a specific project under the guidance of the researchers.

Primary Duties: data collection, data analysis, scientific writing and presentation.

Eligibility: students must have previous research experience equivalent to an introductory research internship and experience with Excel and data analysis techniques.



RESEARCH INTERNSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

D/FW Address: _____

Phone during year: _____ Home Work Cell

D/FW phone: _____ Home Work Cell

Email address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

College/University: _____

Professor reference: _____

Professor contact info: _____

Are you planning to get college credit for this internship? Yes No

If yes, be sure to fill out the credit section on the following page.

Year in College: _____

Internship of Interest: (all internships require 200 hrs & 12 weeks)

Introductory Research Internship

Advanced Research Internship

Desired start date (in May): _____

Desired end date (in Aug): _____

Previous Biology Courses: _____



COURSE CREDIT AGREEMENT

Fill out this page only if you are planning to get college credit for this internship.
This page must be printed and mailed in, as it requires signatures.

Faculty Sponsor

Name: _____

Department: _____

Contact Info: _____

Signature: _____

University Requirements

Hours: _____

Goals: _____

Other: _____

Days of Week & Times

Available: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Zoo Research Contact:

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