

Veterinary Technician Internship Program

White Oak Conservation Center

Purpose: This internship will provide a post-graduate, continuing education opportunity for veterinary technician students interested in exotic veterinary technology.

Education: Student should have completed classroom study in an accredited veterinary technician program. Only American and Canadian students will be considered.

Knowledge and Abilities: Student should have a working knowledge of veterinary principles, anatomy, pharmacology, parasitology, hematology, radiology, anesthesiology, urinalysis, microbiology and surgical techniques. The student should be self motivated, able to work well alone and with others, willing to learn new techniques or procedures and able to work harmoniously with the centers staff.

Duties: Under the supervision and direction of the veterinary staff, and with the senior staff veterinary technician as an immediate supervisor, the student should be able to perform/learn, and become proficient in a variety of laboratory procedures and diagnostic tests including mammalian, avian and some reptilian hematology. The student will assist the veterinarians and visiting researchers with medical examinations, surgical and preventative procedures, radiology, neonatal care and necropsies. This includes keeping the instruments clean and sterile, the building clean and ready to use, keeping supplies stocked, and other duties as assigned. Under the direction of the senior veterinary technician, the student will design and implement a small research project. The position is approximately 40% lab work, 30% surgical treatment assistance, 20% hospital maintenance and 10% neonatal care.

Stipend and Benefits: This position, rewarding in many ways, includes housing at the Conservation Center as well as a small stipend for the duration of the internship. White Oak Conservation Center is a progressive private facility with approximately 300 specimens including 35 unique and endangered species. Students will learn how a captive population of animals is kept healthy and how it treats members of the collection who are not. White Oak currently has one full time veterinarian, a veterinary resident, a hospital manager, two full time veterinary technicians, and several researchers who will do their best to make this experience rewarding, challenging, and educational. The internship will be six months in length, beginning 1 July and 1 January of each year. White Oak reserves the right to terminate an internship if the student's performance is unsatisfactory.

Applicants should send a resume, transcript and three letters of reference by 1 April for the July internship or 1 October for the January internship to:

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