



Exotic Animal Nutrition Student Internship

An unpaid internship in the area of nutrition, including both clinical and research aspects, is available to undergraduate students (Junior or Senior), recent college graduates, or graduate students having a specific interest in exotic animal nutrition. The internship is for one to three months.

Typical activities for this internship may include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Documenting and recording diets.
2. Conducting intake and digestibility studies.
3. Assisting with pasture, browse, or feed collection and analysis.
4. Reviewing hand-rearing records.
5. Data entry.
6. Sample preparation.
7. Clinical nutrition rounds.
8. Formulation and analysis of diets as needed by ZSSD's collection under the supervision of the Nutritionists.

Candidates must be enrolled in or have a degree in animal science, biology, nutrition, wildlife science, or other related field. The Intern may obtain University credit for completed projects if agreed upon by the candidate and Nutritionists prior to the initiation of the internship.

The Nutrition Internship can occur May through September depending on length. Every effort will be made to accommodate the student's school schedule in arranging the starting and ending dates. A typical workweek is from 7:00 am – 3:30 pm Monday through Friday, but may include evenings and weekends depending on the research being conducted. The internship will take place at the San Diego Zoo and the San Diego Zoo's Wild Animal Park and will require the Intern to be able to travel to both locations. This is an unpaid internship. The Intern is responsible for their transportation, living arrangements, and expenses.

To apply please send a cover letter (include: dates of availability, interests, and a description of how this position applies to your career goals), a resume, copies of college transcript(s), and two letters of recommendation written by faculty members to the address below. Deadline for **receipt** of application materials is **April 2, 2010**. If there are questions regarding the internship, please contact Dr. Schlegel at mschlegel@sandiegozoo.org

Please mail application materials to:

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