

JOB DESCRIPTION

Nutrition Research Intern – Carnivore Emphasis

SUMMARY

The emphasis of this position will primarily focus on laboratory analytical procedures in an exotic animal nutrition laboratory, including sample and data collection and laboratory analyses. In addition, the candidate will be participating in an investigation regarding the impact of diet and (or) dietary ingredients on carnivore health and well-being.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES

The candidate will work directly under the supervision of the Director of Comparative Nutrition and the Nutrition Manager at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo. The candidate will be responsible for learning and conducting all laboratory analyses associated with exotic carnivore nutrition research and diet management. The candidate will be responsible for assisting with sample collection during nutrition research projects.

EXPERIENCE

Nutrition laboratory or chemistry experience preferred.

EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS

Undergraduate work toward a B.S in nutrition, biochemistry, animal science, or related biological field.

PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

Candidate must be independently motivated and possess a familiarity with nutrition research techniques. The candidate must have a flexible schedule and willing to work weekends or holidays if necessary, although a standard Monday through Friday schedule will be typical. Candidate should have an understanding of basic chemistry and scientific method, and exceptional attention to detail. Good communication skills are required, both oral and written. Candidate must be able to work in a team environment, and willing to work alone in a laboratory setting. Basic computer skills are required including applications in EXCEL, WORD, and POWERPOINT.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Some undergraduate coursework.
Valid and current driver's license.

HOURS

This is a full-time position (30 – 40 hours per week) for 6 months, with potential for a 6 month extension.

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