Veterinary Technician Internship Program

Purpose: This internship will provide a post-graduate, continuing education opportunity for the veterinary technician student interested in the zoo field.

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 center’s staff.

Duties: Under the supervision and direction of the veterinary staff, the student should be able to learn, perform, and become proficient in a variety of laboratory procedures and diagnostic tests including mammalian and avian 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 instruments clean and sterile, the building clean and ready to use, supplies stocked, data entry, and other duties as assigned. The position is approximately 50% clinical/field work, 30% clinical pathology, 15% hospital maintenance and 5% 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.

The Conservation Center is a progressive private facility with approximately 300 specimens including 20 unique and endangered species. Students will learn how a captive population of animals is kept healthy and how we treat members of the collection who are not. White Oak currently has one full-time senior veterinarian, a full-time veterinary resident, two full-time veterinary technicians, and two researchers who will do their best to make this experience rewarding, challenging, and educational. The internship will be six months in length, starting in January and July 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 October 1st for the January internship or April 1st for the July internship to:

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