White Oak conserves and sustains some of the earth's rarest species through innovative training, research, education, breeding and field programs that contribute to the survival of wildlife in nature. The conservation programs span 700 acres along the St. Marys River in northeast Florida, surrounded by 17,000 acres of mixed forest and wetlands that make up the beautiful White Oak property.

The *Wildlife Conservation Carnivore/Bird Internship* exposes college students and recent college graduates to conservation breeding programs and direct experience in animal care to assist them in making a larger contribution to conservation along their career path. Interns will work with the carnivore and bird teams in the animal care department. They will work alongside our animal care specialists caring for carnivore and bird species, including cheetah, maned wolves, cassowary, cranes and curassow.

**Skills, Experiences, and Duties:**

Interns will have a detailed list of learning objectives which may include:

- Basic animal husbandry- cleaning & feeding
- Animal observation including breeding programs
- Animal handling and restraint methods- hand restraint and chemical immobilization
- Diet preparation
- Avian egg management
- Sample collection
- Enclosure landscaping and maintenance
- Observation of animal transport
- Observation of veterinary care

Through additional volunteer hours, interns may also gain experience in ungulates, conservation research, veterinary care, and program management (as available).

**Internship Specifics:**

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*Dates for the internship sessions are tentative, and may be altered*
The *Wildlife Conservation Carnivore/Bird Internship* is a 40 hour a week, unpaid internship. The work schedule will include weekends and holidays and interns will be asked to help with after-hours duties such as neonate feedings. The selected candidate will receive free housing at White Oak for the duration of the internship, sharing an apartment with another intern of the same gender. White Oak provides transportation to and from the Jacksonville airport (for initial pick-up and final drop-off only). Interns have access to select White Oak amenities including a fitness center and swimming pool. Housing for pets and/or spouses is not available. White Oak reserves the right to terminate internships at any time.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

1. Candidates must be 18 years old and over.
2. Candidates must have proof of a valid driver’s license.
3. Candidates must have proof of valid health insurance.
4. Candidates must pass a drug test upon the start of the internship.
5. Candidates must abide by White Oak’s dress code, including covering of tattoos and natural hair color.
6. Candidates should be currently enrolled, or recently graduated (less than 2 years) from college or university programs that reflect White Oak’s mission—conservation biology, wildlife management, animal science, veterinary, research, or education. Marketing, development, business, and media students with an interest in the conservation field may also be considered for alternate internships.
7. Candidates must have previous experience working with domestic or exotic animals.
8. Candidates should be self-motivated, able to work well alone and with others, and willing to learn new skills and make the most of the internship experience.
9. Commitment to a 40 hour work week, the selected schedule and individual work duties is required.
10. Candidates must be able to lift 50 lbs. without difficulty, work in adverse weather conditions, and remain on their feet for long periods of time.

**How to Apply:**

All candidates will submit in ONE DOCUMENT a resume/CV, a list of 3 professional reference’s contact information, and a cover letter explaining their career goals and how the internship will help them achieve those goals. Please specify in the cover letter what training session you are applying for as well as if housing will be necessary.

Please apply within the application periods designated above. Only electronic submissions will be accepted (.doc, .docx, or .pdf only). Please send application materials to training@white-oak.org with the subject line: Wildlife Conservation Carnivore/Bird Internship Application.