

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION **RHINO/UNGULATE** INTERNSHIP AT WHITE OAK

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 Rhino/Ungulate Internship* is a high intensity program exposing participants to conservation breeding programs, management of natural social structures and habitats, and direct experience working alongside staff in all aspects of animal care. The internship provides students with experience in population management, animal behavior, and the conservation of imperiled species. Interns will work alongside our animal care specialists caring for white, black and greater one horned rhino, and a variety of other ungulate species, including giraffe, zebra and bongo antelope.



Skills, Experiences, and Duties:

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

- Animal husbandry- cleaning & feeding
- Animal observation including breeding programs in large naturalistic herds
- Animal handling and restraint methods- hand and mechanical restraint and chemical immobilization
- Diet preparation and browse identification
- Neonatal 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 carnivores and birds, conservation research, veterinary care, and program management (as available).

Internship Specifics:

2020 Rhino/Ungulate Sessions				
Session	Apply	Review	Start Date*	End Date*
Spring	Sept. 1-30 th 2019	October 2019	1/8/2020	5/17/2020
Fall	April 1-30 th 2020	May 2020	8/12/2020	1/10/2021

*Dates for the internship sessions are tentative, and may be altered



The *Wildlife Conservation Rhino/Ungulate Internship* is a 40 hour a week, paid internship. The selected candidate will receive a bi-weekly stipend and free housing at White Oak for the duration of the internship. Interns will share an apartment with another intern of the same gender. The work schedule will include weekends and holidays and interns will be asked to help with after-hours duties such as neonate feedings. 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. There will be no guarantee of employment at

the end of the internship. To avoid conflicts, the selected candidate will not be eligible for job openings at White Oak that occur during the internship.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Candidates must be 18 years old and over.
2. Candidates must have proof of a valid driver's license and health insurance, and must pass a drug test upon the start of the internship.
3. Candidates should be currently enrolled, or recently graduated (less than 2 years) from high school, college or university, with a career focus that reflects White Oak's mission- conservation biology, wildlife management, animal science, veterinary, research, or education.
4. Candidates must have previous experience working with animals, domestic or exotic.
5. 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.
6. Commitment to a 40 hour work week, the selected schedule and individual work duties is required.
7. 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 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 Rhino/Ungulate Internship Application.