



WHITE OAK
CONSERVATION

Veterinary Technician Internship Program



Looking for a wild adventure in veterinary medicine?

Gain hands-on experience in exotic veterinary care, working side-by-side with expert wildlife veterinarians, technicians and staff, all while launching the next stage of your veterinary career in one of North America's most unique conservation facilities. The Veterinary Technician Internship is a paid, six month, full-time immersive learning opportunity for technicians looking to break into the field of conservation.



About The Internship

Veterinary Technician Interns participate in all aspects of veterinary care under the supervision of clinical staff. Interns can expect to learn a variety of skills, including:

- Applied field technician and laboratory technician skills, running labs, learning reference ranges, and working outside
- Assisting in surgical and preventative procedures- including immobilizations, exams, anesthetic monitoring, surgical assistance and all set-up and tear-down
- Diagnostic work – including in house blood work, PCR, outside lab submission preparation, fecal examinations, radiology, cytology, urinalysis, & post mortem exams
- Hospital maintenance – including equipment servicing and maintenance, stocking, and inventory, and general cleaning
- Records keeping – including medical records, filing, data entry and organizing
- Specialty Tasks – including neonatal care, after-hours care needs, and on-call support on rotating weekends



Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet all requirements and submit an online application including all required materials to be considered.

- Candidates must be graduates of an AVMA accredited Veterinary Technology program.
- Candidates must have work experience as a licensed technician and a strong knowledge of veterinary principles.
- Candidates must have proof of a valid driver's license and proof of valid health insurance.
- Candidates should be motivated, able to work well alone and in teams, eager to learn new skills and make the most of the internship experience.
- Candidates must be able to lift 50 lbs., climb in and out of truck beds, remain bending/standing/ stooping for long periods of time, and work in adverse weather conditions.
- Candidates must pass a drug test upon starting the internship.
- Candidates must be legally able to work in the United States (US Citizen, Permanent Resident, or hold an Employment Authorization Document)

Ready to jump in? [Apply Here!](#)



Why Intern with White Oak?

White Oak is a working conservation facility with over 17,000 acres of land focused on species recovery, education, and land restoration. Nestled along the St. Mary's River in mixed wetland and forest habitats, White Oak experiences mild winters, and humid summers, with lots of frequent thunderstorms.

White Oak is a certified member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), and a founding member of Conservation Centers for Species Survival. White Oak maintains and develops highly successful assurance populations of vulnerable wildlife *ex situ* through innovative care, research, and driven, passionate staff.

White Oak also has an impressive track record of rehabilitation and species reintroduction programs, including work with Florida grasshopper sparrows, Florida panthers, and Mississippi sandhill cranes.

Veterinary Technician Interns are provided with a variety of opportunities designed to give the technical skills and knowledge for participants to qualify for zoo and wildlife veterinary technician positions at the conclusion of the internship. We are proud to have a high graduation rate of interns moving into full-time roles with conservation organizations through this program.



Living at White Oak

Veterinary Technician Interns receive free housing during the internship. Housing is **not** available for any spouses/partners/dependents or pets. Housing includes all basic furniture, linens, and kitchen supplies including cookware, flatware, and dishes. Interns may have a roommate of the same gender.

Required Application Materials

Interested applicants must fill out an online application and include the following materials: Cover letter, Resume, College Transcripts, and Three (3) letters of recommendation. **Questions?** Email Training@White-Oak.org

