

Wildlife Husbandry Internship

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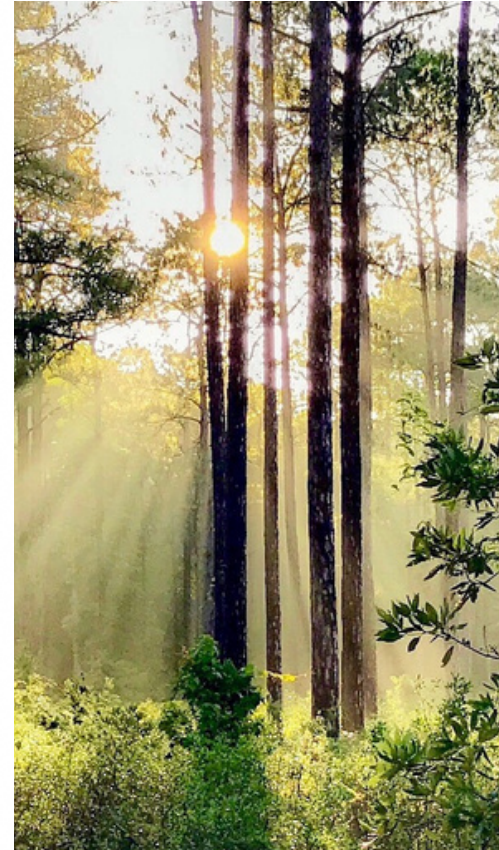
Interns receive housing and a monthly stipend of \$1,920 (before taxes)
Summer Term: May 29 - December 28, 2024

Study animal behavior, provide daily care, learn applied conservation skills and support herd management of wildlife in large habitats that keep wildlife *wild*.

Gain hands-on experience and launch your career in animal husbandry, learning conservation skills side-by-side with expert wildlife specialists at White Oak!

Nestled along the St. Mary's River in mixed wetland and forest habitats, White Oak is a working conservation facility with over 17,000 acres of land focused on species recovery, education, and habitat restoration. White Oak has an impressive track record of rehabilitation and reintroduction programs, including work with Florida grasshopper sparrows, Florida panthers, and Mississippi sandhill cranes. White Oak is a proud member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA).

Interns provide 40 hours of service per week, and must be available for the duration of the internship. Interns are provided with a variety of opportunities designed to give the technical skills and knowledge to join the career field of animal husbandry upon completion. We are proud to have a high graduation rate of interns moving into full-time roles as zookeepers or biologists with conservation organizations through this internship program.



Interns can learn a variety of skills including:

- Animal husbandry skills including cleaning, feeding, diet prep, diet stocking and organization
- Knowledge of different animal behaviors, including identifying vocalizations, body language/postures, reproductive behaviors, and social dynamics
- Safe animal capture, hand restraint, and transportation
- Habitat maintenance including landscaping and fabrication
- Basic research skills in observation training, sample collection, note taking and reporting
- Medicating and tracking health outcomes of animals in collaboration with our veterinary team
- Observation of advanced veterinary care practices, procedures and necropsy
- Cross training on days off, or as opportunities arise





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Wildlife Husbandry Available Internships

Available internship placements are detailed below.

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Applications open through March 8th at 11:59pm

Rhino & Ungulate Team

Ossicones, antlers and horns, oh my! White Oak's Rhino & Ungulate Teams care for a rainbow of species including white, black, and greater one-horned rhinos, giraffe, okapi, exotic equids and a variety of antelope and gazelle species. Interns learn animal care hands-on from day one, working with some of the largest populations of these imperiled species.

Specialized skills in herd management, manual restraint, neonate care, animal introductions and animal body language are available to high-achieving interns in the program.

Conservation and Recovery Department (CaRD)

Wild about winged things? White Oak's CaRD team provides interns amazing experiences working with species recovery programs with a focus on avian species, including cranes, sparrow and cassowary species. Interns help with catch-ups, breeding programs, reintroduction work and more.

Specialized skills in conservation, reintroduction programs, artificial incubation, research, controlled burn procedures and insect management are available to high-achieving interns in the program.



Carnivore Team

Spots or stripes? Pick both! White Oak's Carnivore Team cares for carnivores species such as Florida panthers and tigers, and manages one of the largest and most successful cheetah breeding programs in North America. Interns learn a variety of skills in carnivore care and behaviors.

Specialized skills in animal identification, carnivore diet prep, breeding behaviors, shifting techniques, real-time problem solving and behavioral conditioning are available to high-achieving interns in the program.

Elephant Team

Do you feel at home with the herd? White Oak's elephant team proudly cares for one of the largest populations of Asian elephants in the Western hemisphere. Interns should have a clear or growing interest in elephant husbandry and operant conditioning.

Specialized skills in animal management, observing operant conditioning training sessions and bathing elephants, learning social dynamics and novel elephant behavior are available to high-achieving interns in the program.





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Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet all requirements and submit all required materials.

- Preference for applicants with a strong career interest in animal husbandry, zookeeping, wildlife biology or similar job field
- Preference for recent college graduates or early career professionals
- Hold a valid driver's license and health insurance
- Able to pass a drug test upon starting
- Legally able to work in the United States (US Citizen, Permanent Resident, or hold an Employment Authorization Document)
- Able to work well independently and in a team environment
- Able to work evenings, weekends and holidays
- Have previous experience working with animals, domestic or exotic (internships and/or volunteer work counts!)
- Experienced and comfortable working outside in high heat and humidity
- Strong attention to detail and data management skills
- High drive to learn, take on challenges, and stay motivated
- Be flexible to changing environments, priorities, or animal care needs
- Able to lift 50 lbs. repetitively, and remain standing, walking or crouched over for long periods of time
- Able to work 40 hours per week for the duration of the internship

Living at White Oak

Interns receive free housing during the internship. Housing is not available for any spouses/partners/dependents or pets. Housing includes basic furniture, linens, towels and kitchen supplies including cookware, flatware, and dishes. Interns will be assigned a roommate and chores.



Questions? We are here to help!

Email us at Training@white-oak.org for assistance.

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