Houston Zoo Collegiate Conservation Program
Internship Description

Apply now for an internship with the Houston Zoo Collegiate Conservation Program sponsored by ExxonMobil. Ten interns will be selected to train, learn, and work for 10 weeks at the Houston Zoo, and at regional conservation partner locations, from May 15, 2017 – July 21, 2017. Interns will receive a $1,500 stipend at the conclusion of the internship to offset living expenses during the experience. The stipends are sponsored by a generous donation from ExxonMobil.

The Houston Zoo Collegiate Conservation Program internship will focus on two important aspects of conservation – saving animals in the wild and sharing the message.

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Throughout the 10 week internship, participants will discover how these two are tied together.

Here’s how some past Collegiate Conservation Program interns have described the internship:

“The CCP internship connects you to the true meaning of conservation. Your team will have the opportunity to interact with an amazing number of people and organizations that are improving the world, and your team gets to help them.”

“The Collegiate Conservation Program is a great way for undergraduate students to learn and gain experience in the conservation field. In addition to working in the field, you also gain a vast knowledge of the way a zoo is run and how much work they do across the world to help save various animal species.”

Supervision
The Houston Zoo Collegiate Conservation Program interns will work with and report to Joanne Baptista, Educator and Adult Programs Coordinator.

Requirements
- Each intern must be a currently enrolled undergraduate student who will be returning to college as a full-time sophomore, junior, or senior student for at least the fall semester after the internship. Before the internship can begin, the student must provide the Houston Zoo with written enrollment verification from the college confirming the student’s enrollment status. **Student ID cards and/or phone calls are not sufficient documentation.** Official enrollment verification must come from a university’s registrar office. As a helpful tip, this documentation is the same paperwork that auto insurance companies require to confirm student driver enrollment.
- Must submit a complete online application including resume and cover letter by the deadline.
- Must be available for a Skype interview session at the end of March/beginning of April.
- Interns who previously participated in the program may again seek an internship in 2017.
- Family members of board or staff at Houston Zoo or ExxonMobil are not eligible to be hired as interns of this program.
Expectations during 10-Week Internship

- Must be available May 15, 2017 – July 21, 2017 with flexible hours. General schedule of 30-35 hours per week, worked primarily Monday – Friday, 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM; some evenings or overnights required.
- Abide by all Houston Zoo policies and procedures, including safety protocol.
- Exposure to outdoor weather such as heat, humidity, and rain will be required.
- Housing and transportation to and from the Houston Zoo will be the responsibility of the intern.

Expectations Following 10-Week Internship

- Three months after internship – Participate in conference call to discuss behavior changes that interns have made since the end of the program.
- Six months after internship – Participate in conference call to discuss how the internship has impacted future education or career goals.
- One year after internship – Act as a mentor to 2018 Collegiate Conservation Program interns.