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Title	Marine Mammal Care Internship
Learning Objectives	This position contributes to the success of the Chicago Zoological Society by training individuals on job skills and practices relevant to marine mammal care at Brookfield Zoo, focusing on sound science and animal welfare/husbandry. Interns work closely with animal care staff in all aspects of care for the department's Bottlenose dolphins, California sea lions, Harbor seals, and Grey seals. Individuals will also have practice with guest encounters, helping to improve relationships between keepers and guests and increasing guest knowledge and empathy about animals and conservation during Zoo visits. Previous experience is not required.
Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Animal Care: Daily husbandry, exhibit maintenance including cleaning of animal and non-animal areas, conduct animal observations, maintain accurate and thorough animal records, diet preparation for all marine mammals.• Enrichment: Learn techniques of operant conditioning, observe and assist with care and enrichment sessions.• Guest Interactions: Formal and informal interactions with Zoo guests through animal encounters, chats, tours etc.• Project: All interns are required to complete project determined by the intern coordinator to be presented to the department at the end of the internship term.• Research: Become familiar with Species Survival Plans (SSP), Population Management Plans (PMP) and other zoo population management strategies as well as natural history, current research and conservation studies related to marine mammals.• Other related duties as assigned.
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum two years college at an accredited institution; G.P.A. 2.5/4.0, majoring in biology, ecology, psychology, animal science or other relevant field. GPA of 3.0 or above is preferred.• Minimum 18 years of age.• Serious interest in a career caring for marine mammals• Completion of a reflective journal or project required as part of internship.• Strong interpersonal communications and organizational skills.• Strong computer skills.• Must be able to commit to 12 weeks at 40 hours per week, including varied shifts, weekends, and holidays as needed.• Individuals must be able to lift at least 50lbs• Ability to stand, kneel or crouch for extended periods of time.• Ability to tolerate working in varying environmental conditions including extreme temperatures per season, outdoors and indoors as well as around wet

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	<p>conditions near exhibit pools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicants should be a competent swimmer and comfortable working near deep pools.• Ability to work independently and in a team.
Additional Notes	<p>Interns will be expected and required to interact with a diverse team of animal programs staff, interns and volunteers. Interns will be expected to follow direction of full time staff for their personal safety and safety/care of all animals in the area. Interns will be expected to work irregular schedules including weekends and holidays if applicable during placement term. This internship is a physically demanding experience and will require intermediate levels of strength and flexibility as well as the ability to work outdoors and in all types of weather conditions. Uniforms will be provided to all interns upon start of internship.</p> <p>Interns will be evaluated regularly by mentors on performance and knowledge. CZS reserves the right to dismiss an individual from the marine mammal care internship at any point during the term.</p>
Wage Rate	Unpaid

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