

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION TITLE: Roving Naturalist Intern (Seasonal Intern)

GROUP/DEPARTMENT: Conservation, Education and Training/High School & College Outreach Programs

JOB RELATIONSHIPS:

Reports to: Coordinator, Conservation Science Scholars

Supervises: No one

BASIC FUNCTION:

This position contributes to the success of the Chicago Zoological Society by engaging guests and providing informative and innovative education to increase guests' appreciation of animals and nature and to contribute to providing an exceptional guest experience. The basic function of this position is primarily to focus on connecting guests with wildlife and nature through close-up animal encounters and animal-related chats.

PRIMARY JOB DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

*Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential job functions.*

1. \* Engage Zoo guests in celebrating animals and nature by providing all Zoo guests with the opportunity to have a quality, close-up encounter with, but not limited to a variety of domestic and exotic animals (reptiles).
2. \* Offer animal-related chats throughout the Zoo daily.
3. \* Participate in outreach events or programs off zoo grounds.
4. Other related duties as assigned.

*\* Denotes Essential Job Function(s)*

POSITION REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS:

- Must be at least a senior in high school.
- Three months of work or volunteer experience in an informal educational setting, ideally at a zoo, aquarium, or nature center providing quality interpretive experiences.
- Internship(s) are available to King Conservation Science Scholar alumni or a current participant. Must have at least completed 1 full year in the King conservation Science Scholars program and be in good standing.
- Must complete certification as a Certified Interpretive Guide through National Association of Interpretation during internship.
- English fluency. Ability to read, write, speak and comprehend at an advanced level.
- Must be outgoing, able to work well with others, follow directions carefully, and able to work independently with little supervision.
- Demonstrated strong interpersonal and communication skills required.
- Must be willing and able to work with a variety of invertebrates, including arachnids, crustaceans and insects, as well as reptiles, amphibians and fish, and a variety of exotic and domestic animals.
- Must be open to new experiences.

- Experience and/or ability to work and interact effectively with a diverse, multicultural audience.
- A valid driver's license is required on date of hire. If you are an Illinois resident, you must possess a valid Illinois driver's license at the time of hire or must obtain one within 90 days of hire. A valid out-of-state driver's license is required at time of hire if the employee is an out-of-state resident

DESIRABLE/PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- One year of coursework in the Life Sciences preferred.
- Multilingual ability, Spanish fluency a plus.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This position description summarizes the primary duties and functions of this position, but should not be considered a complete listing of every duty the incumbent may ever be called upon to perform. Roving Naturalist Interns are assigned to work outdoors at a variety of locations along pathways and throughout the Zoo. This seasonal position lasts primarily between April and September depending on the needs of the operation. Work schedules are based on the needs of the operation. Incumbent must have the ability to work evenings, weekends and holidays as needed. The required uniform for Roving Naturalists is khaki (tan) pants to be provided by the employee and a Society-issued uniform shirt. Additional uniform shirts and approved apparel are available for purchase. The Society will issue a nametag to be prominently worn by the employee. Shoes are to be conservative, maintained in good condition, and appropriate to the employee's position and job duties.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS: See Physical Requirements Sheet.