



# Position Description

## EDUCATION RESEARCH ANALYST & INTERPRETER INTERN

This position contributes to the success of the Chicago Zoological Society by generating consistent, positive exposure for the Society through community engagement in experiential learning opportunities that extend the Society’s mission to the communities it serves. This internship is for individuals interested in the career opportunities of informal S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) education, primarily focusing on authentic application of strategies related to instructional research and development and approaches to inclusive community engagement.

### PRIMARY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. With members of the Education and Community Engagement team at Brookfield Zoo and the Punta San Juan Program (PSJP) research team in Marcona, Peru, review and catalog visual field data to monitor the biodiversity of the marine-coastal ecosystem of the Humboldt Current in Peru. (40%)
2. With managerial members of the Education and Community Engagement team at Brookfield Zoo, develop inclusive, experiential learning opportunities that utilize visual field data to engage a diverse range of individuals. The goals of these activities are to help learners: understand connections between them, their lives, and their environment; foster empathy for living things; and take action that leads to a sustainable relationship with nature. These activities will be used by CZS and PSJP staff to develop confidence in individuals to participate in citizen science activities. (30%)
3. Complete an independent project with objectives and details to be determined with CZS mentor during the course of the internship, based on individual strengths, interests, and professional pursuits. (20%)
4. Other related duties as assigned. (10%)

### REQUIREMENTS & SPECIFICATIONS

- Current enrollment in, or recent completion of, a collegiate program in biology, psychology, ecology, animal science, education, or directly relevant field required.
- English fluency (reading, writing, speaking) and strong interpersonal skills required; multilingual ability, Spanish, preferred.
- Applicants who have demonstrated experience with research in lab, field, or other setting are preferred, Coursework in research skills, biology, animal behavior, ecology, or related field may be substituted.
- Strong computer skills required.
- All interns are required to complete either a final project or daily journal as part of their experience.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Department:** Education & Community Engagement  
**Pay Rate:** Unpaid  
**Schedule:** Flexible/variable, with part-time or full-time schedules available