

## The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore Intern Position Description

**Title:** Conservation Education Intern

**Department:** Education

**Supervisors:** Education Managers, Volunteer Managers

**Location:** Throughout Zoo grounds and off site locations

**Summary:** Founded in 1876, The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore is the third oldest zoo in the United States and is internationally known for its contributions in conservation and research. The Maryland Zoo is also a major tourist and education destination that welcomes 500,000 guests annually. The Education Department is responsible for engaging and inspiring guests to connect with nature, wildlife, and conservation. In doing so, our educators extend and enhance the value of the Zoo experience, and carry out the Zoo's mission: "to inspire and educate people to join with us in the active support and conservation of wildlife and wild places." The Conservation Education Intern will support outreach and on-grounds educational experiences benefiting guests of all ages and backgrounds. Interns will assist staff with the preparation of educational materials and the delivery of educational programs using artifacts and hands-on activities. The educational opportunity provided to Conservation Education Interns allows Interns to gain insight into the operations of conservation education through training, shadowing, and hands-on experiences. This internship is appropriate for those studying or interested in environmental science, conservation, biology or life science, education, communications, or other related field.

### **Qualifications:**

- Minimum age of 18;
- Ability to work with individuals from a wide variety of age groups and ethnic, cultural and economic backgrounds;
- Excellent communication and organizational skills;
- Friendly, outgoing and patient personality;
- Proficient in Microsoft Office applications;
- Willingness to learn about Maryland Zoo amenities, layout, operations, animal collection and conservation efforts;
- Must be able to lift up to 30 pounds;
- Must be able to walk large areas of the Zoo and stand on hard surfaces for long periods of time; and
- Must be able to work outdoors in all seasons and weather conditions.

**Time Commitment:** Interns must be able to volunteer full-days at least once a week, Mondays through Sundays, Minimum of 100 hours within a chosen semester. 8:30am-4:30pm daily.

**Opportunities:** The Education Department can offer up to three internships per semester.

**Training:** Maryland Zoo Intern Orientation (2 hours); On-the-job training for position.

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