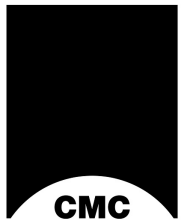


Un-paid Intern Position Description



Department: Animal Resources/Zoology

Volunteer Title: Animal Care Intern

The Cincinnati Museum Center (CMC) houses a diverse collection of fish, herptiles, invertebrates, and a colony of Big Brown Bats. The geographic focus of the collection is terrestrial and freshwater fauna of eastern North America, with some non-native species to showcase the evolutionary diversity of life on Earth. Animals are housed both on exhibit and behind the scenes and are used for public programming via Programs-on-Wheels offsite outreach and presentations within CMC's Museum of Natural History & Science and The Children's Museum.

Purpose: The Animal Resources Intern is responsible for executing a variety of animal husbandry, animal handling, and programming tasks in the Animal Resources department. These tasks include feeding the animals in the collection, cleaning enclosures, proper animal handling and performing animal demonstrations.

During their appointment, the intern will develop and execute an animal care project. Previous projects include establishing a colony of darkling beetle larva for use as feeder insects, redesigning a habitat to be more species appropriate, and writing an outreach program script for a new animal. At the end of the internship, the intern will present the results of their project to museum staff members.

The ideal candidate shares our vision for the future, demonstrates epic standards, values our missions, and has:

- Strong verbal and written skills
- Ability to initiate and perform tasks with limited supervision

Location:

Cincinnati Museum Center – 1301 Western Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45203

Key Responsibilities:

- Preparing diet, feeding animals, and washing dishes
- Cleaning and sanitizing animal enclosures
- Testing aquarium water and performing water changes
- Handling animals including snakes, turtles, lizards, amphibians, and insects
- Keeping accurate records
- Performing animal demonstrations for the public

Requirements:

- Current undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in a Biology, Zoology, Ecology, Animal Science, or related program, with a sincere interest in pursuing a career in animal care.
- Must be able to perform technical work, make careful observations and record data legibly and accurately.
- Must have strong communication and organizational skills and be attentive to detail.
- Familiarity with husbandry database a plus but not required.

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- Must be able to lift at least 25 pounds.

Reports To: Lauren Doty and Jeff Tenover (Animal Resource Specialists)

Length of Appointment: Semester (estimated 10-15 weeks, about 150 hours)

Time Commitment: Flexible based on student schedule. Shifts are available seven days per week between 10am and 5pm.

Additional Information: Intern will have no direct contact with bats unless the student already has rabies pre-exposure inoculation. CMC will not provide rabies inoculations to students who do not already have them.

Benefits:

- Free admission to all permanent CMC exhibits and access to the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center
- Free parking at Cincinnati Museum Center locations
- Discounts at food locations
- Invitations to select exhibit previews, special events, and lectures
- Professional development, training opportunities, and work experience
- Complimentary CMC membership with set hour contributions

Dress Code: Casual – clothes may get dusty/dirty

Age Requirement, if any: Student should be a currently enrolled undergraduate or graduate student.