

## Conservation Internship



The Potter Park Zoo Education Department is offering a limited number of unpaid full-time (40 hours) and part-time (20+ hours) internships. The Conservation Internship provides participants the opportunity for practical learning and hands-on experience relating to conservation in a zoological setting.

Duties and tasks may include but are not limited to:

1. Researching and developing new conservation education programming, new conservation projects, zoo graphics, blogs, animal fact sheets, and guest interactions.
2. Assisting staff with the maintenance of native vegetation around the zoo including the native pollinator garden.
3. Conduct and analyze surveys relating to conservation programming and visitor awareness.
4. Create interactive activities to be used with programming or to engage visitors with the zoo's conservation messaging.
5. Interns will be required to complete a special interest project during their internship.

### Requirements

1. Students who are currently pursuing or have recently completed a degree in zoology, fisheries and wildlife, animal science, biology, environmental education, or related field.
2. Must be in good physical condition, able to lift up to 40lbs, and provide proof of a negative TB test and tetanus vaccination (within the last 10 years) within 2 weeks of starting.
3. Have excellent communication skills and must be self-motivated, energetic, adaptable, and able to work on a team.

### Further Comments

1. Hours will generally be during the week, with some required weekend and evening special events/programs.
2. This is an unpaid internship. College credit is available; the intern is responsible for obtaining the necessary paperwork and approval from their university.
3. Interns are also encouraged, but not required, to take the spring Docent Class. If accepted for an internship, more information regarding the class will be provided.

### How to Apply

Fill out an online application at <https://potterparkzoo.org/internships/>, and send resume and cover letter electronically: [mknight@ingham.org](mailto:mknight@ingham.org)

Or by mail:

Attn: Megan Weidman  
Education Program Registrar/Conservation Champion  
Potter Park Zoo  
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#### Application Deadlines:

Spring 2019: Until filled

Summer 2019: April 1, 2019

Fall 2019: August 1, 2019

Spring 2020: November 15, 2019