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**Organization:** Utah’s Hogle Zoo (AZA Member)

**Internship:** Small Animal Building Internship

**Location:** Salt Lake City, Utah, United States

**POSITION SUMMARY:**

This internship is geared towards college students and recent graduates who are interested in playing a direct role in caring for a variety of birds, mammals, insects, reptiles, and amphibians. All applicants should be organized, self-motivated and have excellent people skills. This internship is an in-depth program requiring a 40 hour per week commitment for 12 weeks. Interns must be flexible with their schedule, and have the ability to work weekdays, weekends and holidays. It is an unpaid position and there is no housing provided. All internship positions are on a voluntary basis only. Housing, travel expenses and transportation are the responsibilities of the candidate.

**REPORTS TO:** Animal Care Supervisor of Small Animal Building

**DATES:** Summer: May 24- August 16, 2021 (start and end date may be flexible on a case by case basis)

**POSITION DESCRIPTION:**

There is currently internship position open for the Small Animal Building. Interns will have the opportunity to assist with the care of a variety of taxa/species which may consist of: red foxes, meerkats, short-tailed leaf-nosed bats, sand cats, African crested porcupines, black-footed cats, rock hyrax, a two-toed sloth, straw-colored fruit bats, burrowing owls, amazon parrot, kinkajou, titi monkeys, North American porcupine, opossums, armadillos and a variety of birds, reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates. The amount of direct contact with each species varies based on best practices for safety.

Animal collections may change over time depending on the needs of the building. The selected candidates will assist the keeper staff in all aspects of maintaining mammal and bird exhibit collections at the Zoo’s Small Animal Building. Interns will also assist keeper staff in all aspects of maintaining aquarium and terrestrial displays for reptile and amphibian collections. Interns do **NOT** work with the venomous reptiles or crocodiles. This internship is designed to provide instruction in the following areas: animal husbandry, nutrition and diets, record keeping, exhibit maintenance, enrichment and training, as well as public education and knowledge of a variety of animals. Complete various projects



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## POSITION DESCRIPTION CONTINUED:

Intern duties may include the following under keeper supervision (may vary based on skill level and departmental needs):

1. Assist with exhibit maintenance and cleaning
2. Prepare daily diets and perform daily feeding
3. Assist in the maintenance of back-up areas
4. Conduct precise record-keeping
5. Assist with exhibit construction
6. Provide positive and educational interaction with zoo guests
7. Participate in animal enrichment and select training
8. Complete various projects

## QUALIFICATIONS:

Be currently enrolled in/ or have recently graduated from a college or university. Have a minimum of one year of course work in a major field of study to be applied during the internship (e.g. Biology, Zoology, Environmental Science, etc.). Experience working with mammals, birds, reptiles and/or amphibians is preferred. Applicants should have a strong career interest in animal husbandry. Candidates should be able to lift 50 pounds, need to have a recent TB test and tetanus shot. The applicant needs to demonstrate maturity, self-motivation, and an ability to follow direction. A basic knowledge and understanding of computer word processing and PowerPoint is helpful. The ability to gain and hold a driver's license is required. They must also pass a background check and a drug test if selected.

**WORK SCHEDULE:** 40 hours a week for a minimum of 12 weeks. Interns are expected to work on holidays and weekends.

**COMPENSATION:** The Small Animal Building Intern position is unpaid. Professional development opportunities will be available. Possible college credit is available for those able to receive it through their college/university. No housing provided.

**TO APPLY:** Applications are due by **February 14, 2021**.

Please visit [https://www.hoglezoo.org/jobs\\_volunteers/internships/](https://www.hoglezoo.org/jobs_volunteers/internships/) to fill out an application. In addition to completing the application send a resume, cover letter, and informal transcript to [volunteeroffice@hoglezoo.org](mailto:volunteeroffice@hoglezoo.org).

Applicants will be contacted for interviews at the end of February, please do not expect to hear from us before then.

Please e-mail [volunteeroffice@hoglezoo.org](mailto:volunteeroffice@hoglezoo.org) with any questions.

Utah's Hogle Zoo is committed to providing a diverse and inclusive internship program representative of a variety of backgrounds, age groups, perspectives, experiences, abilities, and strengths.



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