



Animal Department Intern Program Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden

The purposes of Mesker Park Zoo and Botanic Garden's Animal Department intern program are:

- (1) to provide practical, on-the-job experience
- (2) to provide exposure to zoo operations and zoo careers

Internships are offered from May 1 through September 1. Interns receive no monetary compensation during their internship. Only a limited number of internships are available each season. The internship term is generally 4 weeks in length with a minimum of 40 hours per week. Interns will work on a flexible schedule, which may include some weekends and holidays. The internship term and schedule is variable and may be adjusted to meet student needs. Interns are supervised and instructed by permanent, full-time zoo employees.

Animal-related internship inquiries should be directed to the Animal Curator.

Requirements for Application:

1. All applicants must be minimum of 18 years of age.
2. All applicants must have an overall 2.5 grade point average.
3. All applicants, if accepted, must submit written results of a negative intradermal tuberculosis test within the last year prior to the start of their internship.
4. All applicants must have verification of an up-to-date tetanus vaccination.

Only completed application packets will be considered. A complete packet includes the following:

1. A letter from the applicant detailing what he/she hopes to gain from the program, and how the internship relates to past experience, future plans, career goals.
2. A resume including education and relevant experience.
3. Two letters of recommendation from professionals evaluating the applicant's aptitude, preparation, and suitability to the program.

These requirements are to be collected by the applicant and sent as a complete packet to the Animal Curator via e-mail or at the following address:

Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden
1545 Mesker Park Drive
Evansville, IN 47720-8206
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