

Wildlife Rehabilitation Internship

California Wildlife Center, Malibu, CA

Position_description:

Responsibilities:

During this unpaid Internship, you will assist staff and volunteers with all aspects of animal care including, but not limited to:

- Perform daily husbandry-related activities including medical treatments, cleaning, diet preparation and feeding in the Intensive Care Unit and the Baby Care Unit.
- Assist with intake procedures for new patients.
- Provide guidance to callers with wildlife-related questions.
- Assist in performing animal releases.
- Responsible for animal enrichment program.
- Attend advanced wildlife and animal care classes.
- Learn about the natural history and behavior of native California wildlife.

Educational Benefits to the Student:

- Direct wildlife care experience under the supervision of California Wildlife Center staff.
- Gain experience with raptors, songbirds, land mammals and pelagic birds.
- Opportunity to learn the local, state, and federal requirements in the care and treatment of protected and endangered species.
- Learn advanced skills from wildlife experts through hands-on experience and one-on-one training and lectures.
- Acquire confidence and leadership skills.

Housing/Transportation:

Housing and transportation are the responsibility of the intern. Very limited on-site is available (i.e. up to two individuals at a time) all individuals selected for on-site housing, regardless of Session, will be required to complete 40 hours/week (400 hours total). Must have own transportation and current driver's license.

Qualifications:

Must be 18 years of age or older. Science, medical care or natural science background required. Must be able to lift minimum of 50 lbs. Work performed requires lifting, bending, stooping,

pushing and other moderately strenuous activities. Must have respect for wildlife and courtesy towards the public. The applicant must demonstrate proof of a negative TB test within the past year and a current tetanus vaccination. Rabies pre-exposure vaccines desired.

Schedule:

There will be four sessions of 10 weeks each. The dates for each session are flexible.

Proposed session dates are:

Session 1: March 1 - May 9 (3 positions available)

Session 2: May 10 - July 18 (5 positions available)

Session 3: June 14 - August 22 (5 positions available)

Session 4: August 23 - October 31 (2 positions available)

Time commitment:

Session 1 & Session 4: Minimum 20 hours/week (200 total), 30 hours/week desired;

Session 2 & Session 3: Minimum 30 hours/week (300 total), 40 hours/week desired.

Contact:

To Apply:

Please submit a resume, letter of intent and two (2) letters of recommendation to the address below. Your letter of intent must state the session you are applying for and detail interests, experience, housing accommodations, and availability. A telephone interview will be scheduled after your application has been received. If you have any questions or would like to visit the hospital, please email Jo Joseph at jo@cawildlife.org or phone at 818-222-2658 and we can try to schedule a short in-person interview.

There is no deadline by which you must apply; positions for all sessions are filled on an ongoing basis as qualified candidates are found. Applications will be accepted beginning January 15, 2012, until all positions are filled. Positions generally fill quickly, so try to apply early.

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