



# PHILADELPHIA ZOO

## ANIMAL BEHAVIOR INTERNSHIP

The Animal Behavior Internship is designed to give college students practical experience in animal observation and enrichment along with the opportunity to gain a broad background of the Zoo community and how it operates. You will have the opportunity to immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of the Zoo everyday while working in one of our most popular animal exhibits and providing an educational experience to our guests.

**Animal Observation and Monitoring** - Under the supervision of the intern manager and working with a member of our animal staff, interns are the core group responsible for the monitoring and observation of the animals on our Tamarin Trail. These golden lion tamarins are permitted free range, allowing visitors to the Zoo to have an "up-close" experience. Interns are also responsible for education and interaction with our guests on the trail.

**Animal Observation Project.** Interns will participate in a behavioral study, comparing the activities of our golden lion tamarin group to that of other primate groups in the Zoo. Other observational studies will be included as needed throughout the summer. Observations may lead to the opportunity for formal presentation.

**Zoo-wide Interpretation.** Through formal presentations, informal conversations and research activities, interns assist in interpreting many of the daily activities that take place in the Zoo. Interns may participate in daily talks and interpretation of animal feeding and training demonstrations throughout the Zoo. Interns may also periodically staff "Exploration Stations" strategically located throughout the Zoo. Each station is equipped with interactive activities or biofacts (skins, skulls, teeth, etc.) relating to a specific animal and its conservation. Interns encourage visitors to participate, touch, and ask questions that will increase their knowledge of the animals in the Zoo.

\*\*\*Before final acceptance into this program, candidate must provide official result of a Mantoux tuberculin skin test administered within 9 months prior to start date.\*\*\*

*While geared toward students studying animal behavior, this internship is open to students of any major with at least a 2.5 GPA. Internships run throughout the summer season and the application process is ongoing. The internship lasts at least 10-12 weeks and interns must be available 3 full days a week, with the potential of at least one weekend day per week.*

To apply for this internship, please submit a letter of interest stating which internship you are applying for and why including which day(s) you are available, a detailed resume, letter of recommendation and a copy of your college transcripts. Please compile all the required documents and submit them as a complete packet to:

Philadelphia Zoo  
Human Resources Department, Internships  
3400 West Girard Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19104-1196

\*\*ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED\*\*

5/10/09

*All interns are required to complete a PA Child Abuse Clearance Form and State Criminal Background Check prior to beginning work at the Philadelphia Zoo*