



Conservation Internship

Position Scope: The Conservation Intern is a member of the Education and Conservation Team and reports directly to the Education and Conservation Manager. This internship provides hands-on experience across multiple facets of zoo-based conservation work, including program coordination, implementation, and evaluation, as well as identifying and developing new conservation initiatives. The intern will support citizen science efforts such as Snapshot NY, FrogWatch USA, community bird counts, and other conservation programs. The intern will also assist in planning and facilitating conservation-focused programs and events hosted at the Zoo.

This is an unpaid internship opportunity. Housing is not provided; however, local housing recommendations are available upon request.

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. To apply, please submit a resume and cover letter to victoria.carrillo@uticazoo.org

Key Responsibilities

- Assist Education and Conservation staff with conservation-based programming and initiatives.
- Support coordination and oversight of citizen science programs, including Snapshot NY, FrogWatch USA, bird counts, and additional conservation projects.
- Apply best practices in conservation communication to effectively engage Zoo audiences with environmental issues, threats, and solutions, fostering environmental stewardship.
- Assist with researching and developing grant and funding opportunities to expand the Zoo's conservation impact.
- Perform other related duties as assigned.

Preferred Qualifications

- Currently pursuing a degree in conservation, biology, environmental education, zoology, ecology, or a related field.
- Experience with program coordination and/or wildlife work.

Required Skills & Abilities

- Comfortable working in proximity to both wild and domestic animals in a zoo setting, including handling select ambassador animals.
- Ability to engage respectfully and positively with diverse audiences of varying ages and learning abilities.
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs. and perform physical tasks required by the position.
- Flexible availability, including weekdays, weekends, and holidays. Flexible start and end dates are available.

Employment Requirements

- Negative TB test dated within six (6) months before the internship start date.
- Proof of employment eligibility.