



Organization: Utah's Hogle Zoo (AZA Member)

Internship: Primate 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 primates.

All candidates should be organized, self-motivated, dependable, positive, have excellent people skills, and show an interest in pursuing a career in animal care management. 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 intern. Interns will need to complete a final project and keep a weekly journal as part of their internship. ****No direct contact with primates will be permitted****

REPORTS TO: Animal Care Supervisor of Primates

DATES: Summer May 27- August 18, 2025 (start and end date may be flexible based on school schedule)

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The selected candidate will assist the Keeper staff in and learn about caring for Primates. This includes but not limited to the following species: Western Lowland gorilla, Bornean orangutan, black headed spider monkey, black handed spider monkey, black howler monkey, colobus monkey. This internship is designed to provide instruction in the following areas: animal husbandry, nutrition and diets, record keeping, public education and knowledge of primates.

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

- Diet preparation and feeding
- Proper nutrition and care for the animals in the collection

- Maintaining of animal exhibits and holding areas according to USDA and AZA regulations
- Observing and recording animal conditions, behaviors and responses
- Animal enrichment
- Observation of training sessions
- Positive and educational interactions with zoo guests

QUALIFICATIONS:

Be currently enrolled in a college or university, or have recently graduated. 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 preferred. Applicant should have a strong career interest in animal husbandry in a zoological setting. Qualified applicants must be able to work in a team environment, able to lift 50 pounds and work outdoors in the typical Utah climate. Interns need to have a recent TB test, and tetanus shot. They must also pass a background check and a drug test if selected. 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. First Aid/CPR certified preferred.

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

COMPENSATION: The Primates 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 15, 2025**.

Please visit <https://www.hoglezoo.org/internship-opportunities/> to fill out an application. Attach a resume, cover letter, and informal transcript to application or send to volunteeroffice@hoglezoo.org. Incomplete application packets will not be considered.

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 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.