Animal Care Intern

Intern’s duties encompass most aspects of wildlife rehabilitation including, but not limited to:

● Performing basic patient care and treatment; food preparation and feeding, bottle feeding infant mammals, hand feeding nestling passerines, cleaning habitats and cages, washing dishes and laundry, and observing and evaluating patients
● Administering medications, assisting with medical treatments, and performing initial exams (all under staff supervision)
● Learning anatomy and physiology of different species
● Learning natural histories of wildlife
● Helping with grounds and general maintenance work of facility
● Maintaining accurate records on patients
● Rescuing and transporting wildlife
● Possible opportunities to assist WINC at education programs in our community

*If discussed with your supervisor, an internship can be tailored to meet individual goals or requirements for school credit.*

Qualifications:

● Full-time summer interns must be available to work five 8-hour shifts per week (40 hours total) during May-August/September.
● Part-time interns must be available two or three 8-hour shifts per week (16-24 hours total).
● All interns will work some nights, weekends, and holidays.
● Summer interns need to commit to three months total.
● Spring and Fall interns need to commit to two months total.

Requirements:

● Be reliable, punctual, able to work well with others and under pressure
● Have ability to complete multiple tasks and projects as assigned
● Assist volunteers, staff and public in a friendly, professional way with a positive attitude
● Be able to work responsibly without constant supervision
● Must be in good physical condition (able to lift 40-50 lbs.) & work long hours on your feet
● Previous experience in animal husbandry is recommended but not required
Amenities: A small stipend is available for full-time interns at the end of summer based on hours worked and performance throughout the summer. Any part-time internships are unpaid. We unfortunately do not offer housing accommodations for our interns, you would need to be able to commute.

Application Deadlines

- We will begin accepting part-time spring applications December 1st, 2019. Spring DEADLINE is January 1st, 2020. Spring internship is for two months starting mid/end of March through mid/end of May.

- We will begin accepting part-time and full-time Summer 2020 applications January 1st, 2020. Summer DEADLINE is March 15th, 2020- please understand that all positions may be filled before this deadline, so send in information as soon as possible if applying. Summer internship is for three months starting mid/end May through mid/end of August.

- We will begin accepting part-time Fall 2020 applications June 15th, 2020. Fall DEADLINE is July 15th, 2020. Fall internship is for two months starting mid/end of August through mid/end of October.

***You MUST note in your cover letter if you are applying for spring, summer or fall and whether or not you are interested in part-time or full-time(for summer applicants).***

If you are interested in becoming a Wildlife In Need Center animal care intern please send a cover letter, resume, and at least two professional references to: Mandy Feavel, Director of Animal Care. Email: mfeavel@helpingwildlife.org

If you have any questions before applying please email Mandy at above address.