



# Wildlife In Need Center

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## 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, 2020. Spring DEADLINE is January 1st, 2021. 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 2021 applications January 1st, 2021. Summer DEADLINE is March 15th, 2021 - 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: Alexa Cushman, Mammal Nursery Manager/Intern Coordinator.  
Email: [acushman@helpingwildlife.org](mailto:acushman@helpingwildlife.org)

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

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