Animal Caregiver Internship – North America

Employer:	ZooMontana
Address:	2100 S. Shiloh Rd. Billings, MT 59106
Compensation:	Housing (See details below)
Hours Per Week:	32-40
Application Deadline:	Open
Contact:	Allyson Welborn – adredla@zoomontana.org
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The internship program at ZooMontana is designed to provide individuals with practical learning experience and valuable knowledge related to the animal care field. Accepted interns will work exclusively with our North American animals. North American animals include Grizzly Bears, Wolves, Skunks, Porcupines, and Canada Lynx. Interns will participate in all daily chores and activities of animal care by working with a designated caregiver. Activities include but are not limited to, preparing and feeding diets, cleaning holding areas and habitats, assisting in veterinary procedures as directed, loading and unloading supplies, and understanding animal behavioral patterns. This is a career-building step for those considering employment in zoological or conservation-oriented facilities.

Qualifications:

- Must have a two- or four-year college degree, or be a student enrolled in a college or university pursuing a degree in Biology, Zoology, Education, Environmental Sciences, Psychology, Pre-Vet, Veterinary Technology, or other related disciplines.
- Must have an academic advisor or sponsor; obtaining academic credit is up to the student.
- Must have a desire to learn professional animal care techniques.
- Must be able to lift 50 pounds.
- Must be able to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Must have a current (within 5 years) tetanus vaccination.
- Must be responsible, prompt, and detail oriented.
- Must have excellent communication skills and ability to work in a team environment.
- Must be safety conscious and able to follow strict procedures.

Housing:

Housing may be available for accepted students starting May 1st through July 31st.

Criteria for successful completion of internship:

- Must work 32-40 hours a week for a minimum of 12 consecutive weeks. Other schedules may be considered.
- Must complete a brief project of the student's choosing, approved by ZooMontana Curator, and student's academic advisor, by the end of the academic term. Examples of projects include a literature review of a species, a management project, or a project to enhance the welfare of a zoo animal.

Application Procedure:

Consideration for internships is ongoing. However, because of limited openings we recommend applying as soon as possible each semester.

Your application packet must include:

- Cover letter explaining why you are interested in an internship at ZooMontana
- Resume
- Letter of recommendation from an advisor or professional mentor

Submit Materials to:

Allyson Welborn
2100 S. Shiloh Rd, Billings, MT 59106
Or by email to adredla@zoomontana.org

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