Thank you for your interest in an internship position with the Education Department's Academic and Community program at the Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium.

This internship is a hands-on program requiring a minimum commitment of 20 hours per week, for 8 weeks. This is an unpaid position and while we may be able to help you in your housing search, there is no housing provided. We will do everything possible to accommodate school requirements for those who can earn class credit for internships.

The primary responsibility of this intern is to accompany Education staff to off-site formal programs at schools and community venues. Most programs occur in May and June.

An intern project will also be required of the selected intern. Other duties will also be assigned within the Education Department.

Winter – March/April
Spring – April/May/June
Summer – June/July/August

Good luck!

Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium
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Academic & Community Education Internship Information

The Education Department's internship program at Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium is designed to provide an individual with practical learning experience while gaining valuable knowledge related to his/her career goals. Requests for internship positions are evaluated on experience - professional and/or volunteer, academic achievement, interview success, and position availability.

To apply for an internship with the Education Department at Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, you must:

1. Be currently enrolled in a college or university, or have recently graduated from a college or university.
2. Have a minimum of one year of course work in a major field of study to be applied during the internship (e.g. education, biology, zoology, psychology, etc.).
3. Submit an application. (available on the Internship Program page of our website)
4. Submit a cover letter. (including your career goals)
5. Submit a resume.
6. Submit two letters of recommendation from an advisor or supervisor.
7. Participate in a phone or on-site interview.
8. Commit to a 20-40 hours a week for a minimum of 10 weeks.
9. May be required to receive certification in CPR/First Aid.

Please mail OR email completed application materials to:
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Please note: Incomplete application packets will not be considered. However, letters of recommendation may be sent separately.

Academic and Community Programs
Internship Description

The internship program at the Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium is designed to provide participants with practical learning experience and knowledge in the field of zoological education. In return, the intern makes a significant contribution to the Education Department at the Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium.

The internship is designed to provide knowledge and/or experience in the following areas (some or all may apply depending on skill level and department's needs):

1. Programs Delivery
   - Off-site *Zoo to You* outreach
   - On-site field trip Discovery Programs

2. Teaching Methods
   - Use of questioning techniques and guided inquiry
   - Classroom management

3. Curriculum Development
   - Preparation of instructional segments and classroom materials
   - Design and implement classroom projects, activities and games

4. Learn and Demonstrate Principles of Environmental Education
   - Foster an understanding of the natural world and our connection to wildlife
   - Impart a respect for wildlife
   - Promote conservation of the world's wildlife and natural resources
   - Use of animal biofacts as teaching tools
   - Use of live animal ambassadors as teaching tools

5. Learn and Demonstrate Knowledge of Animal Species
   - Natural history
   - Animal behavior
   - Basic taxonomy

6. Demonstrate an Understanding of Zoo & Aquarium General Operations
   * Zoo & Aquarium departmental organization
   * Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium Mission
   * Policies and public safety procedure

9. Administrative Assistance
   - Input data, make photocopies, organize, clean and/or procure educational materials
   - Other Duties as assigned

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Academic & Community Education Internship Application

Name_____ Date_____

Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____

Primary Phone _____ Secondary Phone _____

College/University_____

Address_____

Attendance/Graduation date _____ Major Field of study: _____

Name of Professor sponsoring internship (if applicable):_____

Number of credits received upon completion (if applicable):_____

Courses and experience applicable to this internship:

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How did you learn of this internship?_____

Circle internship applying for: *winter* *fall* *spring* *summer*

Dates available:_____

For office use only:

Date received: _____
Interview date and time:_____
Interviewer: _____ Accepted: _____
Start date: _____ End date: _____