

**Think you have what it takes to work for the animals?  
Want to find out?**

**Apply for Zoo InternQuest!**

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Zoo InternQuest is a work-exploratory program offered through the San Diego Zoo. It's designed to give high school juniors and seniors a real-world look at biology-based and conservation jobs at the San Diego Zoo and Wild Animal Park. This internship is for students who are seriously considering careers that will benefit wildlife. This internship is NOT an animal keeper training or job shadow program. It is so much more. The program started over 50 years ago as a way to find the next generation of conservation scientists!

## **Zoo InternQuest: A look behind the scenes of the Zoo and Park**

There's more to zoo jobs than zoo keeping!

Meet scientists at work in our Conservation and Research for Endangered Species division. You might encounter experts in pathology, genetics, animal nutrition, reproductive physiology, ecology, or veterinary medicine. You may also meet the people who are hard at work saving the world's wildlife. Experts in ecology, horticulture, primates, conservation education, and condor reintroduction may show you what their careers are like. And, you will spend time with animal keepers and trainers to see how they help wildlife, too.

## **Zoo InternQuest applicant requirements:**

- Current SOPHOMORE or JUNIOR at a high school in San Diego County (home schools included).
- A GPA of 3.0 or above
- Demonstrated interest in science, conservation, and community through extra-curricular activities
- Two letters of recommendation, at least one from a science teacher
- Good writing skills as illustrated in writing samples on application
- Computer experience
- The availability to commit to seven weeks of after-school sessions (3:00 pm to 5 pm) at the San Diego Zoo and Wild Animal Park on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

## **Check out our Web site!**

Zoo InternQuest interns have their own Weblog and photo journal on the San Diego Zoo's Web site! You'll make your own profile page, then post blogs of your adventure for "virtual interns" to read. Check out what previous interns were up to at:

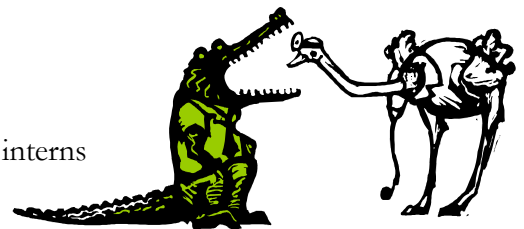
<http://www.sandiegozoo.org/zoointernquest/index.html>

## **Application details and deadline:**

Due to the unique nature of the internship, we can only accept up to eight interns per session (Fall 2010 or Winter 2011).

Applications for either session are accepted between

**April 1 and April 26, 2009 at 4:30 pm**



Get an application at our Web site [http://www.sandiegozoo.org/zoointernquest/ziq\\_application.pdf](http://www.sandiegozoo.org/zoointernquest/ziq_application.pdf)

# San Diego Zoo Science Career Exploratory Internship Application

To apply for either the Fall 2010 or Winter 2011 Session, read the program description, then complete all information on this form, add attachments, and mail to the address below, or hand deliver it to the Education Department in the Otto Center at the San Diego Zoo.

Applications are not accepted by e-mail as signatures are required.

Education Department hours are:

Mon-Fri 8:00 am to 4:30 pm



San Diego Zoo InternQuest  
Education Department  
P.O. Box 120551  
San Diego, CA 92112-0551

To view past Zoo InternQuest Weblogs, visit:

[www.sandiegozoo.org/zoointernquest](http://www.sandiegozoo.org/zoointernquest)

Applications are accepted from April 1 through 26, 2010.

Deadline for applications is 4:30 pm Monday April 26, 2010.

Postmarks are not accepted. Applications must be in our office by the deadline.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone or other contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade point average: \_\_\_\_\_ Current grade: **10** **11**

Semester choice(s) mark 1 for first choice, 2 for second choice: \_\_\_\_\_ **Fall Session** \_\_\_\_\_ **Winter Session**  
Early Oct – mid-Nov February – March

**If one of the sessions is completely impossible, then indicate only your first choice and write an X by the other session.**

How did you first hear about Zoo InternQuest? \_\_\_\_\_

## Please attach the following information, responses, and written pieces:

1. List of all science courses completed or currently enrolled in from grade 7 to the present. Do not attach a transcript.
2. List computer skills and experience. Include platforms, (Windows, Macintosh), computer software you use, and any Web design experience as well as your digital photography experience.
3. List of science and/or education experiences, activities, and honors (e.g., science fair, science Olympiad, summer courses, after-school classes, clubs, volunteer work, paid experience, camp counselor, teacher aide, etc.) since 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
4. Write one paragraph about your favorite animal *as if you were writing for a magazine geared toward young readers.*
5. Write a 500- to 1,000-word personal essay describing your interest in a Zoo-related, biology-based, or conservation-related career or field of study. (Essay will be critiqued for writing skills.)
6. Two brief letters of recommendation: one from a science instructor; and a second from a teacher, career counselor, school administrator, club leader, or other adult not related to you who can recommend you for this experience.

**Applicant's statement:** *I have read the program description and requirements of the San Diego Zoo InternQuest program, and wish to apply for an intern position.*

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian's statement:** *I understand how this opportunity might benefit my student, and agree to facilitate his or her participation in this program if selected.*

Guardian's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_ relationship to the applicant \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal's statement:** *I have reviewed this student's application, and recommend him or her for your consideration. I understand that early dismissal from school may be necessary for participation in Zoo InternQuest.*

Principal's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_