Animal Science Intern

Overview
Now in its second century, Audubon is dedicated to protecting birds and other wildlife and the habitat that supports them. Audubon’s mission is engaging people in bird conservation on a hemispheric scale through science, policy, education and on-the-ground conservation action. By mobilizing and aligning its network of Chapters, Centers, State and Important Bird Area programs in the four major migratory flyways in the Americas, the organization will bring the full power of Audubon to bear on protecting common and threatened bird species and the critical habitat they need to survive. And as part of BirdLife International, Audubon will join people in over 100 in-country organizations all working to protect a network of Important Bird Areas around the world, leveraging the impact of actions they take at a local level. What defines Audubon’s unique value is a powerful grassroots network of nearly 500 local chapters, 22 state offices, 41 Audubon Centers, Important Bird Area Programs in 50 states, and 700 staff across the country. Audubon is a federal contractor and an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE).

Position Summary
Audubon’s Wings internship program invites students and recent graduates to help shape a healthy environment and vibrant future for birds – and all of us who share the planet with them.

Audubon of Florida Center for Birds of Prey is an office of the National Audubon Society dedicated to promoting a stewardship ethic towards Florida’s birds of prey and their habitats through medical rehabilitation, interactive education and practical research. Audubon Center for Birds of Prey has an unpaid internship opportunity designed to provide an intern, who has a demonstrated interest in wildlife rehabilitation and clinical care, the ability to learn the operations of the Raptor Trauma Clinic and rehabilitation programs. In addition, this individual will learn the aspects of animal husbandry as it relates to raptors in a captive setting.

Essential Functions
Audubon Center for Birds of Prey is located in Maitland, Florida.

The internship will afford the intern the opportunity to interact with and learn from experts in the field including the Raptor Veterinary Technician, the Raptor Clinic Technician, the Rehabilitation Supervisor and Audubon’s consulting Veterinarians. The internship will include opportunities to attend and observe surgical procedures (when feasible), diagnostic testing, x-rays and bird evaluations.

During the course of the internship the intern will have the opportunity to:

- Learn clinical operations and procedures including taxonomy, anatomy, feather structure, imping (feather repair), tail sheathing (protection), necropsy, pesticide poisoning, calculating medications and fluid therapy as it relates to raptors.
- Learn the process and protocols of daily examinations, treatments and administering medications to sick and injured raptors; all in coordination with Audubon consulting veterinarians and clinic staff.
- Gain experience from professionals in the field of wildlife rehabilitation.

The intern will be supervised at all times by the Raptor Veterinary Technician and the Raptor Clinic Technician at Audubon Center for Birds of Prey in Maitland, Florida. The internship is being offered for 3 full days a week for
four months totaling 370+ hours. This internship is offered for academic credit. Our winter/spring internship is expected to begin on January 1, 2018 and end on April 30, 2018. No housing is provided.

Qualifications and Experience

- Background in animal science, biology or pre-veterinary is preferred.
- Excellent communication, interpersonal and organizational skills; a team player.
- Prior experience with handling wildlife and/or in animal medicine is highly desired.
- Commitment to Audubon’s mission and programs. Respect for wildlife, conservation and Florida’s environment.
- No housing is provided with this internship.

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