Internship Overview

The Bearizona Animal Care Internship is an opportunity for individuals to gain hands-on experience in a zoological setting. This four month long internship aims to equip participants with the skills necessary to have a successful career in animal care. Skills include public speaking/guest education, operant conditioning, maintaining a high level of safety for guests and staff, and understanding daily husbandry requirements for a variety of exotic species. Under direct supervision of Bearizona animal care staff, participants will work as a part of the animal care team to learn and practice these skills.

Requirements

- Must be 18 years or older
- Must pass a background check
- Must have a clean drug test on hire date
- Must be able to commit to ~40 hours/week for 4 consecutive months
- Must be able to lift 50 lbs, work in all weather conditions and on uneven terrain
- Must be able to work weekends and holidays
- Must have reliable means of transportation

Preferred qualifications

Applicants should be hard-working, dependable, and a team player. Applicants must be adaptable as everyday brings new and exciting challenges. Animal care experience is not required but is a plus. Preference will be given to college students pursuing a career in an animal field.

Job type / Expected hours of work

~40 hours/week over a 4 month period. Saturdays/Sundays required.

Compensation

Hourly wage - $17 per Hour

Discounts at gift shop and at on site refreshments. Housing is not provided.

How to apply

Fill out Bearizona general application

- https://bearizona.com/our-mission/careers/

Attach application, resume, and cover letter and email to erica@bearizona.com

- Cover letter should detail unique skills, experiences, and attributes that set the applicant apart from other candidates.

Application Deadlines

To be considered for an internship, applicants must submit a completed application by the following deadline:

- 2027 Summer Internship - February 8, 2027