



Title: Zoological Ambassador Volunteer

Department: Zoological Department

Reporting to: Zoological Department's Volunteer Coordinator

Job Summary: Are you interested in inspiring guests of all ages about animals, our environment, and the importance of conservation? Our Zoological Ambassador Volunteers will assist the Zoological Department to connect with guests through engaging educational programs by working alongside our vast collection of animal ambassadors. Volunteers will also complete behavioral studies on numerous animals within the care of the EcoTarium to help enhance the welfare for our animals! Lastly, volunteers have the opportunity to experience life as an animal keeper by working besides the Zoological staff. The Zoological Ambassador Volunteer program has six-month maximum commitment to allow others to have an opportunity to volunteer.

Responsibilities:

- Present educational programs with numerous animal ambassadors
- Assist with keeper chats in front of the EcoTarium's animal habitats
- Complete ethograms (behavioral studies) on a wide variety of species cared for by the EcoTarium's Zoological Department's staff
- Provide a high level of care for a selection of our animal ambassadors
- Respect required uniform/dress code
- Perform other duties as assigned

Requirements:

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Ability to volunteer at least once a week from 8:00am-12:00pm
- Desire to educate guests of all ages about animals and their natural environments
- Eagerness to learn about and engage in multiple facets of the animal care field including, but not limited to animal husbandry, enrichment, training, handling, and record keeping
- Must have excellent communication skills to ensure proper communication with guests and with Zoological staff
- Pass CORI/SORI background checks according to EcoTarium's guidelines

Experience:

- Experience working with animals is preferred but not required
- Experience with public speaking is preferred but not required

Disclaimer: Please note this position description is not designed to cover or contain a comprehensive listing of activities, duties, or responsibilities that are required of the volunteer for this job. Duties, responsibilities, and activities may change at any time with or without notice.