

Veterinary Conservation Research Internship: Attwater's Prairie Chicken

The Houston Zoo is seeking a **Veterinary Student Intern for our Attwater's Prairie Chicken Conservation Program** for the summer of 2020. This is an opportunity to work with one of the most endangered birds in the United States. Applicants that have completed one to two years of veterinary education and have an interest in non-domestic or zoo animal medicine are preferred.

The successful candidate will participate in the husbandry of captive Attwater's prairie chickens and work with zoo veterinarians and conservation biologists to design, implement, and complete a research project relating to the Attwater's prairie chicken program.

General Job Description:

- Routine husbandry of Attwater's prairie chickens including feeding, cleaning, and record keeping to get baseline knowledge of husbandry and prairie grouse biology.
- Potential participation in incubation, neonatal care, nutrition, and health screening and management.
- Participation in a summer journal club.
- Once familiarized with program, selection of a research project of interest, design and implementation of project.
 - Potential project topics include but are not limited to pathology and disease surveillance/reporting, reproduction, or standardized health assessments of captive or wild Attwater's prairie chickens.
 - Mentorship and supervision will be available, but the success of the research project will be dependent primarily on the Attwater's prairie chicken veterinary intern.
 - A motivated intern with a solid project has the potential to turn this research into a peer-reviewed publication.

Schedule

This is a full-time summer internship, for the months of May-August, exact start and finish dates are negotiable. Hours will generally be from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., 5 days a week. Hours may vary throughout the internship depending on the nature of the research project. Weekend shifts may be required.

Compensation

There is no compensation for this position. Cost of supplies related to research project will be covered by the Houston Zoo. The intern must provide his or her own transportation to and from the zoo.

APPLICATION

To apply, visit www.houstonzoo.org/make-memories/adults/internships/ and complete an application for the Vet Student Internship. For additional information, contact Dr. Judilee Marrow, Staff Veterinarian at the Houston Zoo (jmarrow@houstonzoo.org). Applications are due by **March 1, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.**

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Application questions can be directed to volunteer@houstonzoo.org.