



KING CONSERVATION
LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

BROOKFIELD ZOO
CHICAGO

College Internship Program

Interpretive Intern

Department

ECE

Work Group or Team

Interpretation/Public Engagement

Season/Term

Summer (late May start through mid-August)

Level of Commitment

Part-time

Est. Hours per Week

Up to 32 hrs

Pay Rate

n/a

Position Summary

This position contributes to the success of Brookfield Zoo Chicago's strategic initiative to provide extraordinary guest experiences. The interpretive intern assists in creating positive, memorable experiences for Brookfield Zoo Chicago guests and community members [act as a bridge to meaningfully connect the zoo's animals, programs, and activities to zoo guests], while gaining direct experience in aspects of educational programming, development and delivery of interpretive opportunities, public speaking, and event planning.

Duties & Responsibilities

- Develop new and/or maintain or update existing interpretive activities, handouts, signage, and displays based on BZC needs.
- Using dialogue and other interpretation techniques, deliver informal interpretation/education opportunities for Brookfield Zoo Chicago visitors.
- Develop knowledge and understanding of zoology, ecology, human connection to nature in the context of zoo guests' sense of place.
- Monitor and maintain live animal well-being

Requirements & Specifications

- Current enrollment in, or recent completion of, a collegiate program in communication, education, biology, liberal arts, library science, museum studies, or other relevant field or equivalent combination of related training and experience preferred.
- This position is highly mobile and requires frequent activities and travel throughout park in typical summer conditions. Those who may need reasonable accommodations are welcome and encouraged to apply
- Strong interpersonal skills with peers, children, and intergenerational adults