

# Sue Crissey Animal Nutrition Residency Fund



A grant available to zoos with nutrition programs which funds a residency program to train the next generation of Zoo Nutritionists.

Established Nov 14, 2002 by the Chicago Zoological Society and the AZA Nutrition Advisory Group now funded through, and managed by, the Zoo and Wildlife Nutrition Foundation (ZWNF).

SCARF was established to acknowledge and honor the significant impact that Sue Crissey, Ph.D. had on the field of zoo nutrition during her fifteen (15) years at Brookfield Zoo. Sue died at 51 after an extended battle with ovarian cancer. During Sue's time at the Brookfield Zoo, she expanded the nutrition program from one of diet purchase and preparation to a program of cutting-edge research and problem solving. She led the development of the institutional coalition called the Zoo Nutrition Network. She and her staff were active in publishing many papers and worked to integrate zoo animal nutrition research with nutritional studies of wild-living animals.



One of Sue's greatest commitments was to train, professionally develop, and engage the next generation of zoo nutritionists. To that end, Sue participated in the training of three residents during her time at Brookfield, and those individuals became successful zoo nutritionists at other AZA zoos. It is the hope that SCARF will continue to celebrate Sue's tremendous achievements and contributions to expanding the field of zoo animal nutrition by providing support for residencies in zoo animal nutrition that will improve the welfare of animals in zoos and aquariums.



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**ZWNF**

Funds Available

## Call for Institution Pre-proposals

Interested Zoos submit proposal questionnaire for hosting SCARF residency

**Qualified Zoos Apply**

## Qualified Institutions contacted

- ZWNF requests full grant application

**SCARF subcommittee interviews institutions**

**ZWNF Awards SCARF Grant to selected host Institution**

**Host Zoo**

## **Call for SCARF Resident Applications**

## Resident applicants reviewed

- Host institution selects resident
- ZWNF approves

**Qualified Residents Apply**

**SCARF Resident Hired**

**SCARF Resident is trained by Host Institution on how to be a Zoo Nutritionist**



# Residents



**2007 Kibby Treiber, PhD**

Resident Fort Worth Zoo

Nutritionist/Manager Fort Worth Zoo 2009-2015

Zoo Nutritionist Zoo Miami 2016-2024

Current: Consultant, Feed the Wild Nutrition, LLC

**2011 Adam Reppert, MS, RD, LDN**

Resident Fort Worth Zoo

Current: Staff Nutritionist, Fort Worth Zoo



**2020 Siga Lipinkas, MS**

Resident Toronto Zoo

Current: Animal Nutrition Manager, Lincoln Park Zoo

**2023 Ben Po, MS**

Current Resident Philadelphia Zoo



**2025? SCARF Resident?**

**Host Zoo?**

**Stay tuned!!**

# SCARF Host Institution Qualifications

1. Minimum 3 yr established Nutrition Program
  - Diet formulation
  - Diet monitoring & evaluation
  - Clinical Nutrition
  - Nutrition research
  - Quality Control & Lab analysis
  - Commissary (food handling, food supply)
  - Record-keeping
  - Budgeting
  - Staff management & relationships
2. Full-time Nutrition professional responsible for overseeing the Nutrition Program & SCARF resident
  - Proven track record of training & education
  - Full, active membership in the NAG
  - Contributor to the Zoo Nutrition community
  - Demonstrated experience as a full-time zoo Nutritionist
3. Augment grant funds with additional institutional support
  - Benefits & salary addition as standard
  - Travel & professional development at conferences
4. Works hand in hand with ZWNF to ensure a successful residency!

# SCARF Resident Qualifications

1. Advanced degree in Nutrition Science (MS or PhD)
2. Dedicated to a career in zoo nutrition
3. Works well with a diverse team
4. Experience leading a team
5. Experienced with word processing software and spreadsheets
6. Experience in Nutrition research, scientific publication and presentation



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