



## Exotic Animal Nutrition Fellowship 2016

A paid summer fellowship in the area of exotic animal nutrition, including both clinical and research aspects, is available to undergraduate students (Junior or Senior), recent college graduates (in the last 12 months), or current graduate students having a specific interest in exotic animal nutrition. The fellowship is available for 3 months between May through October.

Typical activities for this fellowship may include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Documenting and recording diets and hand-rearing protocols.
2. Evaluating body condition of exotic animals.
3. Conducting intake and digestibility studies.
4. Assisting with pasture, browse, or feed collection, sample preparation, and analysis.
5. Observing feeding behavior.
6. Conducting applied research and data entry.
7. Clinical nutrition rounds.
8. Formulating and analyzing diets as needed by San Diego Zoo and San Diego Zoo Safari Park animals under the supervision of one of the nutritionists.

Candidates must be enrolled in or have a degree in animal science, biology, nutrition, wildlife science, or a related field and have completed an introductory animal nutrition class. The Fellow may obtain University credit for completed projects if agreed upon by the candidate and Director of Nutritional Services prior to the initiation of the internship.

The Exotic Animal Nutrition Fellowship can occur between May through October. Every effort will be made to accommodate the student's school schedule in arranging the starting and ending dates. A typical work week is from 7:00 am – 4:00 pm Monday through Friday, but may include evenings and weekends depending on the research being conducted. The Fellowship will take place at the San Diego Zoo and the San Diego Zoo Safari Park and will require the Fellow to have their own transportation to travel to both locations. The monthly stipend for the fellowship is \$2000. The Fellow is responsible for their transportation, living arrangements, and expenses.

You must apply online. Please go to <http://www.sandiegozoo.org/jobs/index.html>. Submit your resume and cover letter in one document online (**Deadline for online application is February 14, 2016**). The cover letter should include: dates of availability, interests, and a description of how this position applies to your career goals. Please mail/email copies of college transcript(s), unofficial are fine, and one letter of recommendation written by a faculty member to Michele Gaffney. Deadline for **receipt** of application materials is **February 21, 2016**. If there are questions regarding the fellowship, please contact Michele Gaffney at [mgaffney@sandiegozoo.org](mailto:mgaffney@sandiegozoo.org)

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