

## A few of the most popular VETERINARY & ZOOLOGY placements available through The Philadelphia Center:

**Academy of Natural Sciences; Live Animal Intern:** The Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia was founded by the first paleontologists in North America and its collections feature over 17,000,000 specimens in all, including the first dinosaur skeleton discovered in North America, John James Audubon's bird specimens, and 226 plant specimens collected by Lewis and Clark. Live Animal Center Interns assist in the care and handling of a collection of approximately 100 live animals used as a vital part of museum education programs. These animals, which are mainly non-releasable wildlife or exotic pets, include raptors, parrots, ducks, skunks, rabbits, chinchillas, ferrets, turtles/tortoises, snakes, lizards, and more. Interns develop and individualized on-the-job training plan and an independent project. Besides basic animal husbandry (cage cleaning, environmental enrichment, diet preparation), interns learn proper handling and training techniques for the animals, natural history facts about them, and assist in over all care (taking weights, medicating, grooming) and record keeping. This is a unique training opportunity for students in Environmental Science/Management, Biology/Ecology, Outdoor Education/Recreation, Wildlife Science, Pre-Vet, or Zoology.

**Philadelphia Zoological Gardens; Education Ambassador Intern:** The Philadelphia Zoo, America's first zoo, is dedicated to its mission of conservation, science, education and recreation. Our core purpose is to advance discovery, understanding and stewardship of the natural world through compelling exhibition and interpretation of living plants and animals. The education department focuses on the interpretation of the plants and animals for the public utilizing artifacts, interactive activities and live animals. The Education Ambassador Internship is designed to give college students practical experience in education, conservation, and animal care and the opportunity to gain a broad background of the Zoo community and how it operates. You will have the opportunity to immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of the Zoo everyday while providing an educational experience to our guests. Responsibilities may include animal care and handling, diamondback terrapin rescue, animal presentation (Live Animal Shows), and Zoo-wide interpretation. Education Intern will assist with a variety of Education program and presentations, develop and lead exploration station activities, and assist with outreach programs. Interns also assist with the care for Education Animal collection.

**University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School; Intern:** The University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School Department of Pathobiology is dedicated to research in the areas of pathology, including oncology and medical genetics, infectious diseases and immunology, together with training of veterinary students, residents, graduate students, and postdoctoral fellows. The Department has 28 faculty who are members of one of four laboratories: Microbiology and Immunology, Parasitology, Pathology and Toxicology, Avian Medicine and Pathology. Annually, faculty in the Department raise over eight million dollars in extramural funds for fundamental research and publish approximately 100 papers. An internship as a Research Assistant at this site offers a variety of components if the student pursues them. Opportunities are available for Research Assistant to learn to do necropsies, spend time in Post-Op Room, attend slide rounds, necropsy rounds, etc. Might be able to attend first-year veterinary class. May also work on ongoing research projects. (Availability varies)