

Aviculture Internship-Tracy Aviary

Tracy Aviary has Aviculture Internships available throughout the year. This program is designed to provide training and skill development for career-focused individuals in preparation for an entry level zoo keeping position or similar animal husbandry position.

This program is a paid, 6 month long internship. Interns work 7:30am - 4:00pm alongside the Aviary bird care team, working 40 hours a week with two consecutive days off. Tracy Aviary provides off-site housing and a \$1000/month stipend (pre-taxes).

Under direct supervision of bird care staff, intern job duties will include:

- Learning basic husbandry procedures including daily cleaning, feeding, and diet preparation
- Providing scheduled enrichment
- Following specific breeding protocols
- Learning to work safely around all birds
- Demonstrating proper capture and restraint techniques
- Observing or participating in basic husbandry training
- Assisting with medical procedures
- Maintaining exhibits
- Providing medical care and treatments
- Participating in guest interaction through keeper talks and feedings

In addition to the hands-on training received on a daily basis, interns receive training via attending intern classes taught by our skilled staff. Classes include, but are not limited to, avian anatomy and physiology, exhibit preparation, medical procedures, artificial incubation, record keeping, training, and public speaking.

Qualifications:

College degree and three months of experience working with animals in a captive or research setting is desired. Examples of the type of experience desired may include: zoological institutions, wildlife rehabilitation, veterinary clinics, laboratories, laboratories, or other related facilities. Experience may be paid or unpaid. In lieu of animal experience, a degree in biology or a related field is desired.

Covid-19 vaccination required for employment with Tracy Aviary and Botanical Garden.

If you are an inviting, optimistic person with a strong desire to learn and support Tracy Aviary's mission to inspire curiosity and caring of birds and nature, then we would love to see your application!

To inquire about the internship and the future openings, please email:

Mindy Rabideau (she/her)
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Aviculture Coordinator/Intern Coordinator

If you are interested in animal care and conservation and have a passion for working outside, but do not meet these qualifications please reach out to us, we would love to talk about additional opportunities available to learn about this rewarding career!

For information about the career field and opportunities outside of this internship, please reach out to:

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Curator of Exhibit Collections