**Resource Management Career Immersion Internship**

**Position:** Wildlife Intern

Gain hands-on experience working with wildlife staff at the Forest Preserves of Cook County (Chicago, Illinois). The Forest Preserves are home to a diversity of wildlife species that are managed in a highly urbanized setting. This person will help with field and laboratory work conducted with wildlife management programs. This includes the tracking and recording of wildlife, wildlife inventories, and basic data assimilation as well as participation in public information programs as needed. Work location is in suburban Cook County (Elgin, Illinois).

**Duties:**

- Assists in wildlife surveys, investigations, and basic data assimilation
- Disseminates information to the general public. May be required to assist in events and sports shows
- Assists in field laboratory work using methods to measure weight and identify health conditions of species
- Assists in the monitoring and tracking of wildlife by using electronic equipment or other techniques
- Assists with laboratory and field work using specialized techniques and equipment
- Data entry and assisting in its evaluation
- General custodial and maintenance task as needed

**Minimum Qualifications:**

- Must be at least 18 years of age; must possess a current valid driver’s license
- Ability and willingness to work outdoors in adverse weather conditions
- Some flexibility in work hours is required with willingness to work occasional weekends and long hours as necessary
- Willingness to receive pre-exposure rabies vaccination
- This position requires the physical ability to perform various types of physical exertion, including but not limited to, climbing, lifting, pulling and moving objects of moderate to heavy weight

**Preferred Qualifications**

- Experience in the collection of blood and tissue samples from wildlife
- Experience and proficiency in blood draw (venipuncture), proper gross necropsy procedure/technique and use of hematological and histopathologic equipment for necropsy
- Possession of experience in terrestrial/aquatic habitat sampling and monitoring which would include such techniques as electro shocking, use of gill nets, seines, trap netting, box traps, snares, foothold traps, mist nets for bird banding, remote chemical immobilization (dart gun)

**Benefits:**

- $12.50 per hour (12 weeks, 37.5 hours per week)
- Excellent networking opportunities

**Application Deadline:** March 18, 2016

**How to Apply:** [https://careers-audubon.icims.com/jobs/2734/career-immersion-wildlife-intern/job](https://careers-audubon.icims.com/jobs/2734/career-immersion-wildlife-intern/job)

**Program Timeframe:** 12 weeks, May 31st – August 19th, 2016

**Internship Partners Information:** [www.fpcc.com](http://www.fpcc.com) and [http://chicagoregion.audubon.org/](http://chicagoregion.audubon.org/)

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