PNNM-Loyola IES Internship Program

Conservation Biology/Animal Husbandry Intern

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One Conservation Biology/Animal Husbandry Internship will be available for the Fall 2019 semester at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum. Internship term is Fall semester 2019, starting in January and with a minimum of 10 hours per week at a rate of $13 per hour for up to a maximum of $2,000 per semester. The projects and/or case(s) on which the student will assist are determined by the PNNM, and are subject to change depending on their level of urgency and importance. The student is expected to develop a work schedule that allows the PNNM to know when they can rely on the student intern being present. The student can take the internship for Experiential Learning/Internship credit, and both the PNNM staff and the IES Associate Dean for Academic Affairs will be involved in drafting expectations for course credit and conducting assessments of the student’s progress.

Students who were accepted for this internship in previous semesters are not eligible to apply.

IMPORTANT! Since this internship is funded by Loyola University and hours are logged in KRONOS, the total number of weekly hours cannot exceed 19.5 hours for all Loyola positions combined.

Application and Selection Process:

To be considered for this position, students will submit a 1-page resume which should include pertinent courses and experiences, and a 1-page statement of purpose which outlines what they hope to do with their career, and how this internship could help them advance their goals and enrich their Loyola experience. Please combine the resume and statement of purpose into one PDF document prior to submitting it. Students submit these materials to Ms. Eniko Racz (eracz@luc.edu) by August 30, 2019. The applications will be reviewed by a committee of ELPC and IES faculty/staff, and one candidate will be selected.

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Project Supervisor: Animal Caretaker, Lily Barajas

PNNM Living Collections Manager: Lalainya Goldsberry

This internship involves working with three species, the Blanding’s Turtle, the Smooth Green Snake and the Wood Frog. The Chicago Academy of Sciences is currently involved in conservation projects with these three species. The position will involve learning and conducting best husbandry techniques for animals that are going to be released into the wild. This will include feeding, cleaning and handling.

The ideal candidate must have an interest, or better yet, experience in conservation and working with reptiles and amphibians. They should be able to deal with the unexpected and be able to adjust quickly, and should be able to work as a team member and an individual. Use of a car would be advantageous.