



Avian Care Internship
W.K. Kellogg Bird Sanctuary
W.K. Kellogg Biological Station
12685 East C Avenue
Augusta, MI 49012

- POSITION:** Avian Care Intern
- SITE:** W.K. Kellogg Bird Sanctuary. Between Battle Creek and Kalamazoo, 70 miles from East Lansing
- NUMBER OF POSITIONS AND DURATION:** One Intern at 30 hours/week average for 12 weeks May 14 to August 2, 2019.
- RESPONSIBILITIES:**
- 70% Wildlife Care* – Intern will gain husbandry experience in waterfowl, upland gamebird and birds of prey. These duties may include but are not limited to:
- Sanctuary flock care
 - Feed and monitor flock health and welfare
 - Exhibit maintenance & renovation
 - Preparation and maintenance of nesting structures
 - Proper capture and handling techniques
 - Veterinary procedures and health exams
 - Bird surveys and citizen science projects (monitoring nest boxes)
 - Raptor husbandry/training & glove handling animal ambassadors
 - Working with and supervising volunteers
- 15% Interpreter/Educator Responsibilities* - example duties include:
- Leading educational tours and assisting in delivering public programs
 - Production of educational and promotional materials
 - Assisting with web page, blog, and social media posts
 - Representing Sanctuary at schools, festivals, and events
- 15% Avian Care Project* – A project will be picked with the intern's input to be completed by the end of the summer, focusing on the needs of the resident birds. This project will be presented with a poster at the Summer Symposium August 1, 2018.
- QUALIFICATIONS:** Current Michigan State University student studying wildlife biology, ecology, biology, zoology, animal science, natural sciences or related field. Pre-vet students welcome.
- Experience in animal care preferred (volunteer, vet assistant, lab work, intern, etc.)
 - Strong work ethic
 - Ability to lift 50 lbs and ability to distinguish colors and sounds
 - Ability to work outdoors in all weather conditions
 - Good communication skills
 - Computer skills desirable
 - Ability to work both independently as well as part of a team
 - Session 1 class of KBS Summer Courses must be taken
- SALARY and HOUSING:** \$2500 stipend with housing and sixteen meals a week provided.
- TRANSPORTATION:** Work-related transportation provided, personal transportation is recommended.
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- APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Application closing date: March 1, 2018. Application can be found at:
<http://www.kbs.msu.edu/index.php/education/ugrad/internships-reu>