

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: MSU's Kellogg Bird Sanctuary. Near Battle Creek, 70 miles from East Lansing

NUMBER OF POSITIONS AND DURATION:

One (1) Intern at 30 hours/week average for 11 weeks May 23 to August 5, 2016.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** 

**70% Wildlife Care** – Intern will gain experience in waterfowl, upland gamebird and raptor care. These duties may include but are not limited to:

- Sanctuary flock care
  - Feed and monitor flock health and welfare
  - Maintain/clean rearing, holding and display enclosures
  - Preparation and maintenance of nesting structures
  - Proper capture and handling techniques
- Bird surveys and citizen science projects (monitoring next box trail and PUMA colony)
- Enclosure maintenance & renovation
- Raptor husbandry/Raptor training & Glove handling
- 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 and Social Media posts
- Representing Sanctuary at schools and festivals

**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 captive bird collection. This project will be presented with a poster at the Summer Symposium August 3, 2016.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** 

<u>Current Michigan State University student</u> studying wildlife biology, ecology, biology, zoology, animal science, natural sciences or related field. Pre-vet students welcome.

- 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.

SALARY and HOUSING:

TRANSPORTATION:

\$2500 stipend with housing provided. Five (M-F) lunches and four (M-Th) dinners a week at McCrary Dining Hall are included.

Hall are include

Work-related transportation provided, personal transportation is recommended.

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: Application can be found at: http://www.kbs.msu.edu/index.php/education/ugrad/internships-reu

Summer Internship due date: February 15, 2016