

**NC Zoo Animal Behavior and Welfare Research Assistant Positions**

**Fall 2021 – Spring 2022**

**Application Deadline: August 15th, 2021**

**Position Dates: August 30th , 2021-May 15th, 2022**

**Position Details:**

The NC Zoo and NCSU are offering paid research assistant positions to NC State JR and SR
undergraduates. This internship is designed to provide individuals with a foundation in animal research. Students will work with PhD level curatorial staff to learn about research in zoos, study design, animal behavior data collection, data analysis, and technical writing and presentation. Students will gain hands-on experience collecting behavioral data on several species and receive training in public speaking and professional dissemination of scientific findings.

**Position Requirements:**

1. Students will log a **minimum** of 200 data collection hours across the Fall and Spring semesters, assist in experimental design, conduct data analysis, submit a final report, and present their findings to staff at the zoo and at the Spring Undergraduate Research Symposium.
2. Students must sign up for a 1cr course (we will enroll you) and be able to attend weekly meetings (on campus, at zoo, or online) during each semester. These meetings will include instruction on experimental design, statistics, applied animal welfare, data analysis, scientific communication, and conservation in zoos.
3. Students are expected to work for 12 hours/week and collect a minimum of 24 data collection hours/month. This includes: 2 weekdays per week, at the zoo, to collect at least 8 hours of behavioral data (with allowances made for planned vacations and holidays with time adjustments); and up to 4 hours per week to work on more data collection as needed, analyses, report write-ups, presentations, and meetings.
4. Students should have access to a car as transportation to the zoo is not provided.

**Minimum Qualifications:**

We seek students with a passion for animal research. Competitive applicants will be JRs or SRs, have a minimum 3.25 GPA, and have taken at least two of the following courses: ZO 250, ZO 333, ZO 410, ST 311, and AEC 360.

**Application Instructions:**

To apply, please visit CURiOuS (https://sites.sciences.ncsu.edu/curious/), select “NC Zoo Animal Behavior and Welfare Research Assistant Positions”, click “Apply”, and complete all required fields.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Jenny Campbell (Jenny\_Campbell@ncsu.edu). Credit for this internship can be obtained in the form of BSC 493. Honors students can also inquire about ways to meet their Honors research requirement with this position.