

Wild Futures' Monkey Sanctuary Voluntary Primate Keeper Internship

This is a one-year long post, which is unpaid but for which you will be provided with accommodation and food. It is an exciting opportunity to develop a wide range of skills, working alongside an experienced team, with the chance to earn a recommendation from a highly respected primate sanctuary. All of which are assets to anyone passionate about pursuing a career in animal welfare and conservation. Selected candidates will be invited to visit the Sanctuary and be formally interviewed for this position and selected according to demonstrated ability to fulfil the following:

Primary responsibilities

You should be aware of and have a commitment to the aims of Wild Futures. You will work primarily with a small group of monkeys. This may be Barbary macaques (*Macaca sylvanus*), marmosets (*callitichidae*) or woolly monkeys (*Lagothrix*), depending on the needs of the groups at the time. You will be expected to learn to distinguish individual monkey and become familiar with their backgrounds. Over the course of the year, you will (under the supervision of experienced staff) become one of the monkeys' primary caregivers; cleaning, maintaining and enriching enclosures and preparing and distributing food and medication, whilst monitoring the health and well-being of the monkeys in your care. You will be responsible for maintaining daily up-to date information on the status and wellbeing of each individual through a computer database.

Other responsibilities

The Sanctuary is open to the public for six months of the year. You will need to learn about the monkeys and the ethos of the Sanctuary sufficiently, so you can talk to and educate visitors and run workshops. You should demonstrate confidence and willingness to do this.

You will also:

Be asked to supervise short-term volunteers on other cleaning routines, making enrichment and other tasks that are essential to the day to day running of the Sanctuary.

Be asked to assist with other work such as territory maintenance, grounds and gardening work, campaigns and computer work, as well as work in the shop, at the desk or in the café (especially during busy times), as the need arises.

Need to share responsibility for certain tasks with members of staff and other interns (such as cleaning the public toilets, cooking for the household and washing house laundry) via rota system.

Be expected to develop and maintain good communications with all team members. A monthly review process will enable you and the team to monitor your progress and mentor you through your internship.

Show that you can be flexible in your work, adapting to new situations as they arise and you will be able to prioritise work according to tasks you have been given (with monkey care always being the most important).

Be expected to work five full days a week and to be flexible about your days off.

You will have an allowance of thirty days annual leave over the course of your internship. Applicants must be UK or EU residents or have permission to work in the UK.

The next internship post could potentially begin in February 2019.