Conservation Social Science Placement
Full-time 12 month voluntary industrial placement
Chester Zoo, Cedar House, Caughall Road, Chester, CH2 1LH

Global biodiversity conservation is a multi-disciplinary endeavour, with research in the social sciences playing a big part. As such, this internship will provide valuable training and experience that will be essential for all aspiring conservationists.

Working with the Lead Conservation Scientist and Conservation Scientist – Social Science in a team environment, the Social Science Placement will:

• conduct a specific social science research project. This could include diverse areas such as educational impact, human/animal interactions, connectedness to nature, or human behaviour change, either related to zoo visitors or as part of our field conservation programmes.

• potential opportunities to attend conferences to present your project.

• report findings and write summary articles and documents for a range of stakeholders, potentially including the opportunity to be part of peer-reviewed publications.

Key personal qualities:
• A passion for biodiversity conservation and the human factors that influence it.
• Being highly organised and proactive in your approach to work.
• The ability to write and deliver oral presentations in a clear, concise and engaging manner.
• A desire to learn how science can be used to help support and inform conservation in a zoo setting.
• Experience of using Microsoft Office software such as Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook. Some data handling and analysis experience is desirable.

All industrial placements are full-time voluntary positions for 12 months, commencing September 2022. Although no direct animal contact takes place in this role, you will attend monthly workshops to gain wider knowledge of modern zoo management.

This opportunity is only available to those studying at a UK university on a degree programme with an industrial year. To apply please submit a CV and covering letter detailing your qualifications, interest in the position and your university and degree programme by email to Dr Andy Moss (research@chesterzoo.org)

Closing date for applications is 19th November 2021 and interviews will be held shortly after.