

# 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](mailto:research@chesterzoo.org))

*Closing date for applications is **19<sup>th</sup> November 2021** and interviews will be held shortly after.*