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2023-2024 Application Cycle

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the clinical veterinary externship program at the Wildlife Conservation Society. The Wildlife Health Center provides medical, surgical, and pathology services to the Bronx Zoo, the New York Aquarium, the Central Park Zoo, Prospect Park Zoo, and the Queens Zoo. The clinical caseload is heavy and diverse and provides the student with broad exposure to zoo animal medicine. The student's responsibilities will include morning review of cases and assisting the attending veterinarian with medical and surgical cases and daily park rounds. The student will also be required to give a short presentation on some aspect of zoo medicine, and assist with ongoing projects at the Wildlife Health Center. Opportunities for new research or presentation may be considered. Weekend attendance may be required.

Applications are accepted for clinical year externships from July 1st through November 15th of your JUNIOR year. These applications will then be reviewed and students will be notified of the results in December of the current year. Our application form is available at <https://oneworldonehealth.wcs.org/Training/Student-Externships.aspx> after July 1st for each application cycle, and all applicants must download the application form to include it with their application materials.

The student will be required to provide his/her own room, board and transportation. Coveralls will be provided; rubber boots/work shoes are the student's responsibility.

The application must include the following:

1. Completed Externship/Student application form, including
 - Three choices of six to eight week periods (student's preference) that you would like to attend the Wildlife Health Center. A four week period may be considered, but preference will be given to those students able to attend for the preferred duration.
2. Veterinary school transcript through the last completed semester.
3. Current resume/Curriculum vita.
4. A short personal statement describing your interests, experience, and future plans in veterinary medicine, and zoological medicine in particular.
5. One Letter of Recommendation

All application materials can be mailed to:

Dr. Robert Moore
Clinical Veterinary Externship Program
Zoological Health Program
Wildlife Conservation Society
2300 Southern Blvd
Bronx, NY 10460

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Applications can also be emailed to Ms. Meredith Barton (mbarton@wcs.org) and Dr. Robert Moore (rmoore@wcs.org) (both Meredith and Robert must be on all application materials sent) or faxed to 718-220-7126 "Attn: Clinical Veterinary Externship Program."

Electronic materials must be received by 11:59pm on November 15th. Mailed application materials must be postmarked by November 15th.

Once accepted into the program (please do not send these materials until after you have been accepted into our program, you must submit the following:

1. Proof of up-to-date tetanus and rabies vaccine. Your vaccinations must be valid through your externship rotation period.
2. Proof of negative TB test (within one year of your start date).
3. Proof of health insurance.
4. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination.
5. Confirmation by you that housing and transportation have been arranged.
6. Signed Release and Confidentiality Agreement.

Students who fail to provide the requested materials above may not start their rotation and participation in our program could be compromised.

This program is competitive, but we try to accommodate as many qualified applicants as possible. Preference is given to those applicants who intend to pursue some aspect of zoological, wildlife, or conservation medicine in their career. We look forward to receiving your application.

Sincerely yours,

Robert P. Moore, PE, DVM, DABVP-Avian
Senior Veterinarian
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