Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, with the Chicago Academy of Sciences Loyola SES External Internship Program, Fall 2024

Conservation Animal Husbandry Intern



Our Mission

The mission of the Nature Museum is to create a positive relationship between people and nature through collaborations, education, research and collections, exhibitions, and public forums to grow our region's urban connection to the world of nature and science.

We believe that nature can and should be accessible to everyone. We envisions communities that, in everyday life, connect with, value and embrace nature. We will be a spark that ignites an fosters sense of wonder for nature, and understanding of science and desire to protect the natural world.

Learn more about the education and conservation programs at the core of the Nature Museum's mission on their website: Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum - Wonder is in Our Nature®

Conservation Biology/Animal Husbandry Intern

This internship involves working with animals in our conservation programs such as the Blanding's turtles and Smooth Greensnakes as well as the animals in the Living Collections including snakes, amphibians, fish, box turtles, aquatic turtles, birds, and invertebrates. This will include feeding, cleaning and handling.

The ideal candidate must have a strong interest in conservation and working with reptiles and amphibians (previous experience with herptiles is preferred). They should be flexible, able to deal with the unexpected, and should be able to work well as a team member as well as to work independently. The preferred schedule would be morning shifts at minimum 3 times per week with flexibility for weekends.