

# Lake Superior Zoo Internship Description

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## Veterinary Technician Internship

**About Us:** The Lake Superior Zoo, an AZA-accredited facility in scenic Duluth, MN, was founded in 1923 and is the 19<sup>th</sup> oldest zoo in the United States. We have a rich history of providing close-up animal experiences that inspire connections to wildlife including action toward conservation in our region and around the world. The zoo is home to approximately 200 different species of animals and is located on more than 19 picturesque acres, including rocky hillsides, majestic pines, and beautiful Kingsbury Creek.

Located on the shores of Lake Superior, the city of Duluth also provides abundant and amazing year-round opportunities for recreation outside of work such as hiking, skiing, skating, rollerblading, mountain biking, camping, canoeing/kayaking/paddle boarding, and even playing on the sandy beaches of one of the largest freshwater lakes in the world. Outside of town, travel along the scenic North Shore of the lake to explore the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and Sawtooth Mountain range or go south to the famed Twin Cities for all they have to offer.

**Position Overview:** One position is available per academic semester – spring/summer/fall (start/end dates are flexible). Please see our website (<https://lszooduluth.org/about/internships/>) for suggested application deadlines. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Internship and housing are unpaid.

This position is intended to offer hands-on, clinical experience with zoo and exotic animals to current students and/or recent graduates of an AVMA-accredited veterinary technology program. Students will perform all duties of a veterinary technician under the direction and supervision of the certified veterinary technician and staff veterinarian.

**Time Commitment:** Flexible – 40 hours/week preferred, working Monday-Friday 8:30 AM-5:00 PM with added availability to respond to emergencies after hours and on weekends.

### Requirements:

- Must be currently enrolled in an AVMA-accredited veterinary technology program – second year students needing to complete an internship to graduate are preferred, however, first year students are invited to apply as well.
- A negative TB test is required before beginning the internship (test must be within 6 months of internship start date).

### Working Conditions:

- Exposure to a significant range of temperatures and inclement weather (depending on the time of year) from hot to below freezing conditions – be prepared with appropriate gear.
- Must be able to lift and move up to 40lbs and expect to be standing and walking most of the day as well as bending, twisting, and carrying bulky items.
- Accommodations will be arranged for any disabilities.

### How to Apply:

- The internship application can be found at: <https://lszooduluth.org/about/internships/>.
- Please send completed application along with a cover letter/letter of intent, resume, a minimum of one letter of recommendation, and unofficial transcripts to the program supervisor at [agallagher@lszoo.org](mailto:agallagher@lszoo.org), OR by mail to: Lake Superior Zoo

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