

Conservation Social Science Placement

Full-time 12 month voluntary industrial placement



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 Conservation Social Scientist and Social Science Officer 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 analysis experience is desirable.
- Must be undertaking an industrial placement as part of a degree programme at a UK University.

All internships are full-time voluntary positions for one year, commencing September 2019. Although no direct animal contact takes place in this role, you will attend monthly workshops to gain wider knowledge of modern zoo management. Please see here for examples of Chester Zoo research projects and publications in the area: <http://www.chesterzoo.org/conservation-and-science/our-team/andy-moss>

To apply please submit a CV and covering letter detailing your qualifications and interest by email to [Dr Andy Moss \(research@chesterzoo.org\)](mailto:research@chesterzoo.org).

Closing date for applications is Friday 2nd November 2018 and interviews will be held shortly after.