

Field Programmes – Ecology & Conservation Placement

Full-time 12 month voluntary industrial placement

Chester Zoo, Cedar House, Caughall Road, Chester, CH2 1LH

This one year placement provides experience within our comprehensive conservation field programme department at Chester Zoo, which aims to facilitate, coordinate and develop zoo-led and zoo-supported field conservation projects., including significant UK native species based fieldwork in the zoo.

Working with a Field Programme Coordinator in a team environment, the Field Programmes placement will:

- Conduct one or several specific projects in relation to the current work in our conservation field programmes, there will be UK species surveys and recording within the zoo, nature reserve and surrounding land.
- Opportunity to assist with bat surveys and great crested newt surveys on the zoo estate
- Assist with the day-to-day coordination of our field programmes
- Learn how to report project outcomes, write summary articles and documents for a range of stakeholders, potentially including the opportunity to be part of peer-reviewed publications
- Involvement in the partnership activities with the IUCN SSC Asian Wild Cattle Specialist Group and Record – The Local Environmental Record Centre for the Cheshire Region.

Key personal qualities:

- A passion for in situ biodiversity conservation and its connection to ex situ work, demonstrated through previous work experience and related study (e.g. conservation, ecology, wildlife management, zoology)
- Experienced in UK species ID, biological recording, ecological survey skills and awareness of protected species licensing.
- Being highly organised, proactive in your approach to work and able to work independently as well as in a team, in the field and in the office.
- The ability to write and deliver both written and oral presentations in a clear, concise and engaging manner
- A desire to learn how science can be used to help support and inform best practice in field conservation projects
- Experience of using Microsoft Office software such as Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook, and ideally R (other statistical software) and ArcGIS.



Great crested newt, photo taken under license

All industrial placements are full-time voluntary positions for 12 months, commencing September 2021. This role is based entirely at Chester Zoo with no overseas travel. Although **no direct zoo 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 the Field Programmes Team (Conservation@chesterzoo.org)

*Closing date for applications is **30th October 2020** and interviews will be held shortly after.*