Chester Zoo aims to be a centre of excellence for animal and plant care based on sound scientific principles. The Behaviour & Welfare Placement provides experience within a comprehensive applied animal science programme, with the ultimate aim of optimising animal behaviour and welfare.

Working with the Behaviour and Welfare Scientist and the Behaviour Officer in a team environment, the Behaviour and Welfare Industrial Placement will:

- Assist with the applied animal behaviour and welfare programme for over 500 animal species
- Undertake observations of animal behaviour across a variety of species using different methods
- Learn how to record animal behaviour and write summary reports for a range of stakeholders
- Conduct an animal behaviour research project and have the opportunity to present the findings to Chester Zoo staff, and potentially at a national conference

Key personal qualities:

- A passion for animal behaviour and welfare, demonstrated through previous work experience and related study (e.g. zoology, animal behaviour, veterinary medicine)
- Being highly organised and take pride in what you do
- 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 best practice in animal and plant husbandry and care
- Experience of using Microsoft Office software such as Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook.
- Must be undertaking an industrial placement as part of a degree programme at a UK University

All industrial placements are full-time voluntary positions for 12 months, 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.

To apply please submit a CV and covering letter detailing your qualifications and interest by email to Dr Leah Williams (research@chesterzoo.org).

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