



**Title:** Paid Summer Internship in Horticulture at San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance

**Duration:** 10 weeks

**Dates:** 6/15/26–8/21/26

**Overview:** Explore the world of horticulture and conservation through our exciting paid summer internship program at San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance! This internship offers a unique opportunity to work with our dedicated horticulture team in maintaining the lush landscapes that enrich the lives of both wildlife and our guests. Join us in cultivating the beauty and sustainability of our world-renowned wildlife parks while gaining hands-on experience in horticulture practices and environmental stewardship.

**Key Responsibilities:**

- Collaborate with our skilled horticulturists in planting, pruning, and maintaining a diverse range of plant species.
- Learn about landscape design and the creation of thematic gardens that enhance wildlife habitats and guest experiences.
- Learn about the conservation value of plants, and contribute to efforts to protect endangered species through horticulture.
- Assist in greenhouse operations, including propagation and caring for rare and unusual plant species.
- Gain insights into educational programs, and share your knowledge with guests.

**Qualifications:**

- Passion for horticulture, botany, and environmental conservation
- Pursuing a degree in horticulture, botany, landscape architecture, or a related field (preferred, but not mandatory)
- Strong teamwork and communication skills
- Ability to work outdoors in varying weather conditions and perform physical tasks
- Previous experience in gardening or horticulture (preferred, but not mandatory).

**Benefits:**

- Paid internship with a stipend to help cover living expenses (\$4160)
- Hands-on experience in horticulture practices and conservation
- Mentorship from experienced horticulturists
- Working with San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance's accredited botanical gardens and plant collections
- Networking opportunities with fellow interns and zoo professionals.

**Application Process:**

- Submit a resume, cover letter, and any relevant course work or experience.
- Candidate finalists will be invited for an interview.
- Successful applicants will be notified via email.

**Applications Open:** November 3, 2025

**Application Deadline:** November 17, 2025

Join us in nurturing the natural beauty of the San Diego Zoo and San Diego Zoo Safari Park, and contribute to our mission of wildlife conservation through horticultural excellence. Apply now to embark on an exciting summer internship journey in the world of horticulture.



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