Internship Programme
Nandankanan Biological Park

Introduction

Internship programme at Nandankanan Biological Park, Odisha initiated to provide a learning opportunity for graduate/post-graduate students of recognized college/university of India and Abroad. The interns will be actively involved in the field of zoo management and learn new skills of ex-situ and in-situ conservation techniques at Nandankanan. It also provides a platform to start basic research and carryout project/dissertation in their course curriculum to help in career development and higher studies.

Eligibility

Students pursuing Graduation (Bachelors) or Post graduation (Master’s degree) course from any recognized Institutions/Universities of India and Abroad. The students who have completed Graduate degree from any recognized institution/university also are eligible for applying.

Suggested Topic for Internship

1. Behavioural study of zoo animals.
2. Economic valuation of Ecosystem Services of Nandankanan Zoological Park.
3. Visitor survey and evaluation of change in conservation attitude through zoo awareness programmes.
5. Non-invasive assessment of Biodiversity (Floral and Faunal) inside Nandankanan Wildlife Sanctuary.
7. Non-invasive behavioural enrichment of zoo animals.
8. Study on green good deeds.
9. Study on solid and liquid waste management.
10. Any other relevant to Nandankanan

Duration of internship

1. Nandankanan internships positions opens throughout the year.
2. Internship programme is for a period of minimum 30 days to a maximum of 3 months.
3. Candidate can apply for one of the four sessions: Summer (April-June), Fall (July-September), Spring (October-December), Winter (January-March)
4. For work beyond 3 months one has to apply again for extension of permission.

Procedure for Application

1. Interested candidates may apply by filling an application form (available on this page as download), with a valid photo ID proof.
2. Foreign nationals shall apply with valid Visa, passport, and Medical insurance cover for the internship duration.
3. In case of an internship being part of an ongoing academic course, the application must be submitted by the candidate along with a recommendation from the University/College. Applications received without a recommendation letter will not be accepted.
4. Duration of the internship (Start and end date) should be clearly indicated.
5. The filled-in application form in the prescribed format should be sent to nandankananzoo@yahoo.com with a copy to deputydirector.kanan@gmail.com or through Registered post to Deputy Director, Nandankanan Zoological Park, Barang-754005.

Selection Process
1. Internship applications will be scrutinized by the Selection Committee on merit basis.
2. Only shortlisted applicants will be called for document verification and counselling.
3. Maximum 10 interns will be selected for each session.
4. Selected candidates will be intimated within 30 days from receipt of an application and displayed on Nandankanan website i.e. www.nandankanan.org.

Stipend
No stipend will be paid by Nandankanan for the said internship programme.

Experience Certificate
1. Certificate will be issued to interns on satisfactory completion of their internship assignment and submission of internship report. Interns not completing the requisite period will not be issued any certificate.
2. Nandankanan shall not grant any academic credits for an internship.

Logistics, Support and other Modalities
1. The intern will be issued a intern card for the duration of Internship only.
2. Intern will be taken through respective section brief overview within a week of joining the internship.
3. Each intern will be assigned to a zoo official for the period of internship to report and guidance.
4. An intern should not to visit any sensitive (Protected and Restricted) area for work without proper permission.
5. Nandankanan will not provide any accommodation for the interns during the internship. However, interns will be provided with other required logistic support based on availability.

Do's & Don't for Interns:
1. The intern shall abide the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and rules framed there under, including all other relevant laws, rules / regulations governing the sanctuary.
2. The above internship study shall be conducted with adequate care so that it does not cause any harm to the Zoo Animals.
3. The intern shall give prior intimation to the Deputy Director, Nandankanan Zoological Park, Odisha about his plan of visit under internship programme to the Zoo, which is part of Nandankanan Sanctuary. While entry to Zoo & working inside the Zoo he/she should always have the ID card and the copy of permission letter.
4. No plant and animal species or part thereof coming under the schedules of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be collected from the sanctuary area. For this separate permission shall be obtained from MoEF of Government of India & Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha.
5. It would be obligatory on the part of the intern to provide a hard and soft copy of the research findings and final report along with a copy of data set / report / maps / research paper / thesis etc. generated relating to the permitted research work to the office of Deputy Director, Nandankanan Zoological Park on completion of the work.
6. Publications, if any, has to be vetted by Nandankanan authority.
7. Patenting, etc, if any, has to be shared with the Nandankanan authority. No commercial use of findings will be made for personal use without permission of Nandankanan Authority. Any commercial use of findings for use of Government or any other institutions has to be intimated to this office.
8. The sample should be collected using non-invasive methodology. After collection of the Sample, an acknowledgment receipt with details of Species, samples type ID, animal ID, Number of samples collected to be submitted to this office.
9. The intern shall follow all the rules & guidelines of state Government and Nandankanan Zoo including Covid related guidelines.
10. The intern must furnish clear undertaking to the authority that, while operating in Zoo the work is done in his/her own risk and Govt. will not liable for any mishap, injury etc or for any unwanted incidents.
11. All the raw data, photos, videos and other documents along with details of sample collected if any needs to be submitted to Nandankanan authority at the end of every field visit. Copy of photographic evidence of presence of species should be submitted to this office with proper identification and location details including geo-coordinates.
12. Nandankanan authority may impose further condition or modify the above conditions or cancel permission based on ground realities depending on the condition & the process of taking records will be monitored time to time by Nandankanan authority.

Deputy Director
Nandankanan Zoological Park
APPLICATION FORM FOR INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME
NANDANKANAN BIOLOGICAL PARK
(Please attach required documentation along with form)
FILL ALL FIELDS IN BLOCK LETTERS.

Name (IN CAPITAL) : 
Father's name : 
Date of Birth : 
Sex : 
Marital Status : 
Category (SC/ST/SEBC/GEN): 
Aadhar Details/Passport No : 
Permanent Address : 

Present Address :
(address for communication if other than the permanent address)

Contact No. :
E-mail ID :
Educational Qualification :
Name of the Institution :

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Research Experience, if any :
(May be annexed separately)
Publications, if any : 
(List to be annexed separately)

Work experience, if any : 

Current work : 

Languages known : 

Knowledge in Computer : 

Intended Internship Topic : 
(May be annexed separately with the following details)
  a) Background & Rationale (Why this topic is important, how it will contribute to conservation, what is the bigger vision)
  b) Objectives and timeline (What you hope to achieve within the timeframe of the project)
  c) Approach & Methodology (What will be the basic methods used to implement the project, what will be the timeline and workplan)
  d) Outcomes (What will be some of the tangible outputs or deliverables of the project)
  e) Other (Any other information you might wish to share that is relevant to the project e.g. period of availability, timing of work, etc.)
  f) It should have full signature of the candidate

Declaration

I declare herewith that the particulars furnished above are true to the best of my knowledge. I have read and understood all the terms and conditions as described in the Internship Programme at Nandankanan and accept it as such on my selection for the said programme.

Place: 

Full Signature of the candidate:

Date: