



TARONGA WILDLIFE HOSPITAL DUBBO

Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Obley Road, Dubbo, NSW, 2830, Australia

VETERINARY STUDENT EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Taronga Wildlife Hospital Dubbo (TWHD) situated within Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo, Australia specialises in the veterinary care of native and exotic animals. As well as providing a comprehensive health care program for the zoo's resident animals and conservation programs, the hospital provides a veterinary service for injured and diseased free-ranging wildlife from regional New South Wales.

The hospital operates an externship program which aims to provide veterinary students with exposure to and experience in many aspects of zoo and wildlife medicine including, -

- Preventative medicine
- Wild animal handling and restraint
- Zoo animal nutrition
- Wildlife casualty triage, treatment, rehabilitation and release
- Zoo and wildlife disease investigation and pathology
- Laboratory medicine
- Diagnostic imaging
- Surgery

Externship placements of 4 weeks are offered to students in their final clinical year of study. Externship students accompany the staff veterinarians on their clinical rounds, assist with daily tasks within the veterinary hospital and participate in case discussions. The caseload for any given placement period is highly variable and there are opportunities to develop skills in many areas of the field of zoo and wild animal medicine.

In addition to clinical activities, students undertake a communication task during their visit. Suitable topics for such research are often derived from the recent clinical caseload and/or an area of particular interest to the student.

How to apply?

Applications from interested students should include a cover letter and current curriculum vitae. The application should specify the preferred placement period/s. Selection of candidates for a given calendar year takes place in May of the previous year (ie. applications for 2024 will be accepted up until the end of April 2023). Limited places are available and selection of candidates is merit-based; priority is given to students with a demonstrated interest in zoo and wildlife medicine. Successful applicants will be notified in writing in early May.

For further information or to submit an application contact the veterinary team -

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