



## **TARONGA WESTERN PLAINS WILDLIFE HOSPITAL**

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

### **VETERINARY STUDENT EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

Taronga Western Plains Wildlife Hospital (TWPWH) 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, 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 between 1 and 4 weeks are offered to veterinary science students from Australian and international universities and are limited to those 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, most students undertake a short research project 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 requested length/dates of placement. Selection of candidates for a given calendar year takes place in May of the previous year (ie. applications for 2021 will be accepted up until the end of April 2020). 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.

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

Email: [twpzwh@zoo.nsw.gov.au](mailto:twpzwh@zoo.nsw.gov.au)

Phone: +61 (0)2 6881 1461

Fax: +61 (0)2 6881 1496