

**Internship Category:**

3 x Intern Zoo Keepers

Let's Talk Animals C.I.C / Cedars Nature Centre have an exciting opportunity for someone who is looking to gain valuable experience within the animal industry. For the right candidate, this post offers a fantastic opportunity to work with a variety of mammals, birds, reptiles, fish, and invertebrates.

Unlike other (Full Time) internships, 3 day a week internships allow our interns to work or study alongside being an intern.

Upon successfully completion of the internship and portfolio the intern will receive a written statement from the directors of Cedars in support of their future job applications.

Learning Objectives:

Interns will:

- Experience and learn all aspects of animal husbandry, including but not limited to food preparation, exhibit maintenance, daily and weekly cleaning tasks, public presentations, daily enrichment, veterinary/health procedures, animal enrichment and behaviour observations and record keeping.
- Learn and follow animal and keeper safety guidelines, operations and policies.
- Participate in professional development opportunities made available throughout the internship to learn about the wider animal industry.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

Support will be given to any intern who wishes to pursue a research project at the end of the internship.

Qualifications:

- Strong preference will be given to Level 3, Access HE, undergraduate and graduate students or recent graduates pursuing a career in a related field.
- Previous animal experience in a zoo or aquarium preferred but not required
- Flexible, reliable, self-motivated and a team player
- Ability to follow oral and written instructions
- Able to establish and maintain an effective rapport with all levels of management, employees, volunteers and guests
- Strong written and oral communication
- Good observational skills
- Able to walk, stand, sit, kneel, crawl, twist, reach above head, pull, bend, and actively work in all weather
- Possess current identification (i.e., driver's license, passport, etc.)
- Eligible to work in the U.K. at the time of the internship

This is an unpaid internship. Interns will be responsible for all transportation costs.

Location:

Cedars Nature Centre, Theobalds Lane Waltham Cross EN8 8RX

Housing:

The intern will make his or her own housing arrangements

Parking:

Cedars Nature Centre provides staff parking as well as visitor parking within the main park itself

Term of appointment:

Intern rota one – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Intern rota two – Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Intern rota three – Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

This is a Six-month part time internship. Interns must be able to commit 25 hours per week, including holidays and weekends.

Application deadline(s):

30th June 2026

How to Apply:

To apply please email letstalk.animals@oulook.com

The information that will be requested includes:

- Basic personal information
- Professional resume or CV
- A one-page statement of your interest in pursuing this position. The statement should mention relevant experience, career goals, your reasons for wanting this internship, and what you hope to gain from the experience. Your statement is very important during application evaluations.
- At least one letter of reference but two is more desirable (one must be from a current or a former supervisor within the related industry)
- Schedule of availability