

**Organization:** Animal Behavior & Conservation Connections (ABCC)

**Locations:** Dover DE

**Position:** Internship. Un-paid.

ABCC has summer internship position available from June 1 to September 1, 2015. The position will participate in animal care and husbandry with a focus on a diverse collection of avian species. The successful candidate will also have opportunities to learn and participate in bird training including free-flight and program presentations to various conservation and education facilities.

The unpaid position will fulfill a four day work week. Average 30 hours per week. The position is based out of our facility near Dover DE and may be required to participate in offsite events, weekends, holidays and occasional evenings. The intern will learn foundation to animal care, bird training, free-flight training and public interaction.

The successful intern should possess high motivation for learning and working with birds. Course work in animal behavior, wildlife education, animal care or related studies preferred. Preference given to Junior or Senior College student.

Responsibilities and qualities include:

- Honest, motivated and reliable.
- Able and willing to take instructions and implement program as directed.
- Able to work independently or together in a team to achieve goals.
- Be comfortable interacting and speaking with visitors.
- Daily care, feeding and cleaning of bird enclosures.
- Follow husbandry and training protocol as directed.
- Able to work indoors and outdoors.
- Able to lift a minimum of 50 lbs.
- Be willing and able to travel to offsite programs.
- Have a driver's license and access to a vehicle.
- Must be drug and drama free.
- Other duties as assigned .

ABCC is a private organization with a mission to provide connections between animals and people through education and interaction via natural behaviors. As a consequence of the connections, we strive to instill a sense of inspiration and conservation stewardship among visitors with whom we come in contact. We are able to do this by working with our animal partners using voluntary approaches to animal training and communication. Our team include but not limited to falcons, vulture, owls, hawks, macaws, cranes, storks and jays to name a few. Our educational free flight programs are featured at schools, State Parks, National Wildlife Refuges, Universities and Zoos in the US.

Interested applicants should send cover letter, resume and three reference sources to Phung Luu, Director, ABCC at [ptluu@msn.com](mailto:ptluu@msn.com) with the subject title "Internship 2015" by 5 PM, May 1st 2015.