

**PRIMATE RESCUE CENTER, INC.**  
**IN-STATE OR LOCAL**  
**INTERNSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

*Please read the following information carefully and sign the bottom.*

**Program Requirements:**

- Completion of minimum hour requirements (see below)
- Assistance with daily animal husbandry and administrative duties
- Adherence to all PRC policies and given instructions
- Demonstration of common sense and respect for all fellow primates
- Must be reliable, enthusiastic, and eager to work
- Completion of a short essay (2 pages) to be turned in at the end of your internship relating the PRC internship experience to personal career goals and/or larger animal issues
- Interns **MUST NOT** attempt to have any physical interaction with any of the nonhuman primates for any reason

*Interns who are unable or unwilling to meet any requirements will be dismissed. We reserve the right to dismiss any intern at any time for any reason, including but not limited to: tardiness, missed work, unpleasant attitude, inappropriate interaction with the animals, inability to work with others.*

**Fees for In-State or Local Interns:** \$100/month, totaling \$300 for 3-month session

**Fee for Interns Requiring Housing:** \$100/week, totaling \$1200 for 3 month session

*All fees are non-refundable and are due in-full 2 weeks prior to start date.*

**Application Packet Must Include:**

- Signed Application Checklist (1 page)
- Completed Written Application (2 pages)
- Signed Intern Expectations document (1 page)
- Copy of College Transcript Copy of a Valid Driver's License or Other Form of Identification (1 page)

**Application May Include:**

- Application for Director's Scholarship – *To apply for the Director's Scholarship, include a two page essay describing why you should be considered for financial assistance.*
- Proposal For Special Project – (see details below)

*All materials should be printed, filled out and mailed to the address below.*

**Primate Rescue Center, Inc.**

Attn: Eileen Dunnington

2515 Bethel Road

Nicholasville, KY 40356

I have read and understand the requirements of all Primate Rescue Center interns. I agree to abide by all PRC policies, rules, and guidelines. I understand that my failure to do so will result in my dismissal.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

# IN-STATE OR LOCAL INTERNSHIPS

**Spring Session:** March-April-May

Application Deadline: **June 1**

*Spring and Fall Sessions:* Require completion of a minimum of 192 hours (16 hours/week for 3 months);  
2 days off will be assigned each week.

**Fall Session:** September-October-November

Application Deadline: **December 1**

**Summer Session:** June-July-August

Application Deadline: **March 1**

*Summer Session:* Requires completion of a minimum of 240 hours (20 hours/week for 3 months)

**\*\*Actual Session dates may vary slightly depending on PRC and students' schedules\*\***

## **Who May Apply?**

Our program is open to currently enrolled college students (sophomore year and above) and recently graduated college students who are seriously interested in pursuing careers in animal care and/or advocacy. Applicants must be willing and able to participate in strenuous physical duties and be able to lift 50 lbs.

## **Is Housing Available?**

Modern, comfortable housing is available, but preference is given to non-local and international interns who require housing. Please contact us directly to discuss the options if you are a local intern requiring housing.

## **Program Costs**

To support our internship program without taking away from our animal care program, we require fees to cover training, program costs and materials.

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A Director's Scholarship may be available for those interns requiring financial assistance. To apply please include with your application a two-page paper describing the reasons we should consider you for this scholarship.

## **Hands-Off Policy**

Due to their history and the circumstances of their captivity, we want you to understand that we cannot permit hands-on contact with any of the monkeys or apes at the PRC. While people who wish to touch these animals may have good intentions, unfortunately they are mistaken intentions. These animals do not want or need contact from humans. Many have experienced great suffering because of humans and are particularly frightened and upset by people, especially strangers. Captive primates in general fiercely defend their space, and interpretation of their behavior and intentions requires extensive observation. Even if you have good "animal sense" or even if you've worked with primates before, establishing a mutually beneficial and trusting relationship with monkeys and apes takes a very long time - sometimes years, and sometimes one never develops. However, our "hands off" policy does not preclude you from interacting with the monkeys and chimps or from forming rewarding relationships with them from a safe distance. For your safety and that of the animals we care for, we hope that you can respect and understand this policy.

## **Special Projects**

Interns regularly approach us with ideas for research projects they have developed that they wish to pursue during their time with us. If you wish to pursue a special project please include a proposal on a separate sheet of paper. Please keep these guidelines in mind:

- Your project cannot involve filming
- It cannot cause our residents stress
- Preference will be given to projects that benefit our residents
- Work on your project can only take up a portion of your total internship hours (you may be able to work on your project in addition to your scheduled hours)
- You will agree to provide the PRC with a copy of your finished paper or presentation to use at our discretion (for example, in our newsletter)

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**INTERNSHIP APPLICATION**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

College Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Which session are you applying for?

Spring Session (March-April-May): \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Session (June-July-August): \_\_\_\_\_

Fall Session (September-October-November): \_\_\_\_\_

Will you require onsite housing?  Yes  No

Are you applying for the Director's Scholarship?  Yes  No

Do you have reliable transportation?  Yes  No **Car/Truck/Van** (please circle)

Are you going to receive credit for your internship?  Yes  No If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there specific requirements you have to fulfill in order to receive credit?  Yes  No

If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your expectations of interning at the PRC? \_\_\_\_\_

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How did you learn about the PRC? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member (past/present) of any animal or environmental organizations?  Yes  No

Please list if you'd like: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever been convicted of a felony?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCES:**

Name	Relationship	Contact Information
1		
2		
3		

**ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS / SPECIAL SKILLS**

We can utilize a wide range of skills; please check off or list any that may be useful.

First Aid /CPR \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinary \_\_\_\_\_

Mac/IBM/Clerical \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Hand tools:  Yes  No

Power tools:  Yes  No

Heavy Equipment:  Yes  No

Gardening:  Yes  No

*Your presence at the PRC involves a certain amount of risk. For this reason, we ask you to list and explain any physical, mental, or sensory conditions that may put yourself, other people, or animals at risk. Please note that we can find ways for anyone to help out with minimal risk.*

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\_\_\_\_\_

List any allergies (pollen, hay-fever, bee stings, etc.). Please note that it is your responsibility to always bring with you any necessary medications (i.e. Epi-Pen for bee stings, inhaler, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Tuberculosis (TB) skin test or negative chest x-ray certification:  Yes  No Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE: If you are accepted, we will require proof of a negative TB skin prior to your arrival.

Hepatitis exposure:  Yes  No Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Hepatitis vaccination series (A and/or B):  Yes  No Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**If accepted for an intern position at the PRC you agree:**

- That any questions you may have about the welfare of the animals or your role here will immediately be posed to your supervisor;
- To adhere to ANY and ALL rules put forth by the PRC staff, and to use your best judgment at all times;
- To present certification of a negative Tuberculosis test prior to your arrival (available at any Dr.'s office or County Health Dept.);
- To provide a copy of your driver's license or other form of identification with this application.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SUBMIT TO: Primate Rescue Center, 2515 Bethel Road, Nicholasville, KY 40356  
Office (859) 858-4866 Fax (859) 858-0044 eileend@primaterescue.org**

# PRIMATE RESCUE CENTER, INC.

## INTERN EXPECTATIONS

### What you can expect from your time with us:

- The rare opportunity to work with primates in an environment that is entirely centered on their needs and well-being
- To be immersed in the daily care and ongoing rehabilitation of over 50 primates
- To learn a great deal about nonhuman primate behavior
- To help create enrichment for our residents
- To work in an intimate and dynamic environment that encourages you to be innovative and creative
- To work with a knowledgeable staff who encourages your participation and your questions (and is appreciative of the extra help!)
- To learn more about the issues that affect nonhuman primates both in captivity and in the wild – and an opportunity to act on their behalf!

### What we will ask of you:

#### *Please*

- Arrive on time, alert and ready to work;
- Do not wander the property unsupervised;
- Dress appropriately: Please wear clothing you don't mind getting dirty; don't wear any loose, flowing clothing; do wear sturdy closed-toe shoes; do tie back long hair;
- No jewelry – it is attractive to the animals and could complicate an injury;
- We're a SMOKE FREE facility, and it's a long uphill walk off the premises;
- You are responsible for your own meals. Bring lunch if you are to be here over lunch hour (12-1). We have both refrigerators and microwaves for your use. If you are staying on the property, please be prepared to bring or purchase your own groceries.
- Do not attempt to have any physical contact with the animals. Not only are they wild animals and inherently aggressive and unpredictable, but many have also experienced past suffering and trauma and are especially frightened and wary of strangers;
- Ask questions! We enjoy sharing information about the primates, discussing our policies and helping our volunteers and interns to get as much as possible out of their time with us.

Thank you for your interest!

*I understand what I can expect from my experience at the PRC and what will be expected of me.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_