



University Placement Volunteers

Northumberland Zoo is a family-run not-for-profit animal collection in the heart of Northumberland. The up-and-coming park currently has 17 acres for visitors to explore with animals from tiny harvest mice to fluffy snow leopards, as well as birds of prey and invertebrates. We are also the only UK mainland collection to hold Livingstone's fruit bats.

The last two years have seen the building of a brand-new harvest mice breeding facility, domestic farm redevelopment and new facilities for our nocturnal mammals, reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates. We continue to grow, with new projects and developments underway. We have come a long way in a short time, having gained our Zoo license in 2015; we are fully accredited members of BIAZA, and became accredited members of EAZA in 2025.

We are offering an amazing opportunity to those looking to gain practical experience alongside an animal management qualification. The successful candidates will be in the process of completing a 'sandwich' degree or have recently completed an animal care or science qualification at level 3 or above.

Volunteering under the supervision of the Head and Deputy Head Keepers, you will assist the keepers with all of their duties to gain experience with a wide range of species, in a friendly and supportive environment. This role is perfect for those looking to pursue a career working with animals.

If you are interested, please e-mail h.webb@northumberlandzoo.co.uk with a full CV. Please provide a cover letter, detailing why you feel you are ideally suited to the role and your preferred dates.