

## **Keeper – Herpetology and Invertebrates**

We currently have an exciting opportunity for a Keeper in our Herpetology & Invertebrates team, working in a setting like no other!

For the right candidate, this post offers a fantastic opportunity to work with a variety of species of reptiles and amphibian's species including Komodo dragons, Mountain chicken frogs, Montseny brook newts, Ploughshare tortoises, Bermuda skinks, Henkel's leaf-tailed gecko, Sunda gharials and Parsons chameleons, Desertas and Bermuda Snails, Glow Worms to name a few.

The successful candidate will assist in all aspects of animal welfare, hygiene and life support. They will ensure that all exhibits are of an excellent standard for both animals and visitors alike and provide outstanding customer care.

### **The Package**

- Full time contract
- Hours of work are 40 hours per week, worked 10 days out of 14, including weekends and Bank Holidays as rostered.
- 33 days annual leave (pro rata)
- Salary of £26,969.84 per annum
- Staff pass so you can visit the zoo during your time off plus a number of complimentary tickets for your family and friends
- Access to healthcare plan
- Discounted gym membership
- Discounts on cinema tickets, restaurants, high street shops and more via Perks
- Pension scheme with generous employer contributions of up to 9%

### **Our Requirements**

- A HND or degree level qualification in a zoological related science or equivalent experience
- Proven experience of working in a Zoo or Aquarium setting with relevant Ectotherms in particular Reptiles, Amphibians and Invertebrates
- Outstanding observational skills, attention to detail and be committed to ensuring the highest possible standards of animal health and welfare are met
- A thorough understanding of the contribution that ex situ populations can make to education, science and conservation
- Excellent exhibit theming skills
- Strong teamwork skills, adaptable to work in a group and independently
- Good competence in internal and external communications
- Competency in the use of computers and basic software packages, including Microsoft Teams, ZIMS software, in order to maintain accurate records

### **Although not essential, the following would be desirable:**

- Experience of working in field conservation and conducting research projects
- Experience in conducting and publishing scientific research

### **More About Us**

We're not *just* an amazing, award-winning visitor attraction that's home to 20,000 incredible animals. We're not *just* the UK's most popular zoo. We're a major wildlife charity that's committed to the recovery of endangered species, globally. And, as the world faces an extinction crisis, we're making a

hugely significant contribution to conservation at a time when it's needed most. We are Chester Zoo and we prevent extinction.

**The closing date for applications is 29th December 2024.**

**What makes Chester Zoo a great place to work?**

As the UK's biggest and best zoo, we have ambitious goals, exciting plans, and there's always lots going on here. We're an inclusive and diverse organisation, made up of nearly 500 permanent and 500 seasonal team members, and we know how important it is to invest in our colleagues to help boost their career development.