

Medicine River Wildlife Centre (MRWC) is a wildlife rehabilitation and education facility in Central Alberta, Canada. MRWC sits on 453 acres of forest and wetland 1.5 hours from Calgary and 2 hours from Banff. The facility receives approximately 2000 patients annually ranging from passerines to moose, has an extensive education program, and assists local communities with wildlife conflict issues. MRWC has also pioneered the technique of fostering wild orphans to wild families.

MRWC is currently taking applications for **unpaid interns** to work at the facility starting May 1, 2026. ****There is availability for 3, 4, and 5 month internships.**** Interns can assist in every aspect of the Centre's work including patient care, facility maintenance, education programs, wildlife conflict, fostering implementation, research, and public relations. MRWC also offers a leadership/teamwork program to all interns.

Interns will be considered staff while staying with us. We will make every effort for your stay to be fun and educational.

MRWC will provide:

Transportation to and from the bus station in Red Deer, Alberta, if required

Shared housing, complete with bedding, dishes, laundry facility, and built-in vacuum system - there are up to 4 people per trailer, 2 per room

Unlimited WiFi

2 pairs of scrubs to be worn while working, along with rubber boots, coveralls, work gloves, and other PPE as required

Recreational equipment including canoes, mountain bikes, camping equipment, barbecue, and fire pit - other equipment may be able to be provided where interests lie

A vehicle to be used only to get groceries and visit local tourist attractions within 100km

1 - 2 days off per week - during that time you can hike, bike, have a bonfire, barbecue, visit local tourist attractions, or go to the beach on your days off or in the evenings when time permits - working days begin at 8:00am but will end when the work is completed

Training involving the local wildlife, wildlife rehabilitation, leadership, and teamwork

A completion list and certificate at the end of your stay (MRWC can be used as a reference but will not provide reference letters)

Expectations of the Intern

Bring enthusiasm, honesty, respect, energy, a love of animals, a good sense of humour, and an interest in learning

Be a clean, tidy, and organized team member

Have good communication skills, a reasonable knowledge of the english language, and the ability to work without supervision

Realize that fear of animals or severe allergies to animals will not work for this project

Bring 1 pair of comfortable shoes for indoor wear and 1 pair of comfortable outdoor walking shoes

Bring warm clothing as evenings and some months can be quite cool in Alberta

Buy your own food and personal items and provide your own gas when using the car for personal use - stores vary from 10 - 45 min drive from MRWC

Buy environmentally friendly soaps, shampoos, cleaners, etc.

Devices (phones, computers, tablets) are not allowed in the main building during work times unless you are using for work or photos

Clean, feed, and treat wild patients under the direction of experienced staff

Research information on each species you are caring for and be able to answer questions on the species before you will be allowed to handle the animal - relevant training manuals provided

Assist as needed in the public area, with wildlife conflict issues, with research, site maintenance, and construction under the direction of staff or volunteers