

**Organization:** Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens (AZA Member)

**Location:** Jacksonville, Florida, United States

**Job or Internship:** Job

The Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens is currently seeking a qualified candidate for the position of full time Mammal Keeper with responsibilities focused on the daily management and care of 1.3 African elephants and a breeding herd of giraffe. Desired skills include, but are not limited to, animal husbandry, operant conditioning, environmental enrichment, exhibit maintenance and minor repair. Candidates must possess solid observational and record keeping skills, an excellent safety record, a strong work history, and the ability to interact and communicate well with guests and co-workers.

Preferred qualifications include a degree in biology or related field, a minimum of two years paid employment in an Association of Zoos & Aquariums accredited institution, and demonstrated experience working with elephants in a protected and/or free contact management system. Current college candidates must complete their course work prior to applying, and be available for immediate hire. A valid Driver's License is required.

Applicants must be able to lift 50 lbs. without difficulty, be able to work in adverse weather conditions including rain, heat, and cold, be able to traverse zoo grounds on foot, be able to stoop, bend, lift, kneel, crawl, climb, jump, rake, sweep and carry objects for short distances, possess visual acuity appropriate for animal care and general safety practices, be able to remain on feet for long periods of time, and be able to lift and reach overhead.

The Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens offers all full time employees a competitive benefits package including free medical, dental and life insurance for the employee, paid time off, 403B Retirement Plan, and discounts at the Zoo.

EOE / DRUG FREE WORKPLACE

Please submit your resume in Word format via email

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When emailing your resume, please include the position title in the "subject" line.