



ASSOCIATION
OF ZOOS &
AQUARIUMS

DISCOVER THE BENEFITS OF
**STUDENT
MEMBERSHIP**

Become a Future Conservation Leader

LEARN, GROW, CONNECT

Discover AZA membership and explore exciting opportunities, information, and resources as you join the larger zoo and aquarium community. Enhance your knowledge, connect with peers, and develop important skills to prepare for a career working in zoos and aquariums.

AZA's student category is designed for individuals interested in or preparing for a career in zoos or aquariums and enrolled full-time or part-time as a student in a compulsory or higher education system. This membership category is available to those not working full-time at an aquarium, zoo, or related facility.

STUDENT BENEFITS

- Network on the AZA Network, a private social networking community bringing together individuals to share knowledge, best practices, and experiences
- View AZA's Job Listings board, where open positions and internships are available across the country and internationally at accredited zoos and aquariums
- Receive the monthly member e-newsletter, INSIGHT
- Stay informed with an online version of AZA's Connect magazine (Hard copy available upon upgrade)

- Members Only resources on AZA's website, where you'll find animal management information, conference proceedings, AZA surveys/data/trends, and more
- Receive free or discounted admissions to AZA-accredited zoos and aquariums
- Access to AZA's Professional Development Courses and webinars, where you'll learn skills and enhance career advancement opportunities
- Save with deep discounts on AZA conference registrations

- Access to AZA's Online Member Directory, where you can view member organization demographic data and key contact information
- Tap into grants to pursue training and conservation work through the Conservation Grants Fund

Annual Dues **\$40**

\$60 with Connect Subscription

ABOUT AZA

The Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of zoos and aquariums in the areas of conservation, education, science, and recreation. AZA represents more than 235 facilities in the United States and overseas, which collectively draw more than 200 million visitors every year. AZA-accredited zoos and aquariums meet the highest standards in animal care and welfare and provide a fun, safe, and educational family experience. In addition, they dedicate millions of dollars annually to support scientific research, conservation, and education programs.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Association of Zoos and Aquariums is committed to providing the highest quality member services to advance the zoo and aquarium movement. AZA is also committed to being a global leader in promoting species conservation and animal welfare by leveraging the size, scope, expertise, and public trust of its member institutions.

VISION

The Association of Zoos and Aquariums envisions a world where all people respect, value and conserve wildlife and wild places.

STRATEGIC PROMISES

- Promote AZA accreditation as the standard of excellence in the zoo and aquarium profession.
- Increase the collective impact of AZA members in animal care, welfare, sustainable population management and the conservation of wildlife.
- Tell powerful stories about the work of AZA-accredited zoos and aquariums.
- Empower zoo and aquarium professionals to be leaders in their field.
- Advance diversity, equity, access and inclusion practices in the profession and integrate these as values into our organizational cultures.



WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

AZA recently asked student members about their AZA membership experience. Here's just a few examples of what they shared:



"I highly recommend fellow students to join AZA to help further both their educational and professional experiences. A membership is a worthy investment."

— Samantha Smyser, Student – West Liberty University



"Becoming a student member of AZA has been a game-changer for me. It has provided me with invaluable opportunities to network with industry experts, access exclusive resources, and gain insights into the zoological profession. I am grateful for the inclusive support, guidance, and inspiration I have received as a student member from professional members of the AZA community, moving me toward a successful and fulfilling career."

— Ryan Marquez, Student – The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga



"Being an AZA student member makes it very affordable to attend conferences to present my graduate research, grow my professional network, and get a sense of what kind of jobs I might be a good fit for after graduating. I highly recommend an AZA student membership to any student contemplating a career in professional zoos and aquariums."

— Daniel Bisgrove, Student – Arizona State University

Visit www.aza.org/student-membership for a full list of benefits, eligibility requirements and an application!

DISCOVER THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

JOIN

Submit your application to join the Association of Zoos and Aquariums today.

CONNECT

Create your “My AZA” account and tap into digital resources like your online community in the AZA Network and product and services in the Marketplace.

EXPLORE

Explore endless possibilities in the zoo and aquarium world through your AZA membership.

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A close-up photograph of a young orangutan with reddish-brown fur, sitting in a forest and eating a green leaf. The orangutan is holding the leaf with its mouth and using its hands to peel it. The background is a blurred forest scene with green leaves and brown tree trunks.

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