

Animal Science Work Experience Placement

As an action-oriented conservation charity, Marwell Wildlife's desire is to connect people with nature. Through enthusing people about the wonders of the natural world we're certain they'll share our passion to conserve it.

We offer an exciting annual work experience placement within our Animal Science Team, working alongside our Senior Animal Scientist, Animal Nutritionist, and Registrar, as well as Marwell's wider UK Conservation, Innovation and Engagement Team.

Depending on your interests, your placement will be supervised either by our Animal Scientist, with a focus on animal behaviour and welfare, or by our Animal Nutritionist, with a focus on nutrition and dietary research, although many topics overlap.

This is a hands-on opportunity to contribute to research and evidence-based animal care across our 140-acre zoological park. You'll be actively involved in projects that monitor and assess animal welfare, contribute to the development of best practices, and support the scientific advancement of zoo animal management under the umbrellas of Conservation Welfare and Conservation Nutrition.

Key Responsibilities

You will be involved in a range of tasks, typically including:

- Designing and supporting research projects
- Behavioural data collection (via live observation and/or video recordings)
- Data mining and analysis from existing datasets
- Statistical analysis of behavioural data
- Conducting literature reviews and writing reports or journal-style outputs
- Maintaining accurate research records
- Participating in team meetings and providing project updates
- Organising and leading Journal Club discussions
- Providing support with general administrative tasks

Additional Opportunities Based on Your Interests

If you're interested in behaviour and welfare, you may also:

- Assist with animal welfare assessments using the Animal Welfare Assessment Grid (AWAG)

If you're interested in animal nutrition, you may also:

- Contribute to the development of zoo nutrition software
- Support the creation and maintenance of nutrition-focused databases
- Help design and implement body condition scoring systems for use at Marwell and beyond

About You

This placement involves a combination of desk-based and practical outdoor work and would suit someone who is both research-focused and happy to get stuck in on the ground when needed.

We welcome applications from individuals currently studying or who have completed an undergraduate degree (or equivalent) in zoology, animal behaviour and welfare, biology, biological sciences, animal nutrition, or a related discipline. Experience with behavioural data collection and basic statistical analysis would be advantageous.



The duration of the placement is 9 months, or longer, 35 hours per week, starting at the beginning of September 2026.

If you are interested, please send a CV and covering letter to: jobs@marwell.org.uk

Please note work experience placements are unpaid.

Closing date: Midday 24 November 2025

Interviews will commence from 01 December 2025

We will review and respond to applications as they are received.