

CALENDAR ADVISORY

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Earn a Master's degree the wild way *Zoo hosts informational sessions on its Advanced Inquiry Program*

WHAT: Woodland Park Zoo will present public informational sessions on November 15, 2016, and January 11 and 18, 2017, on the Advanced Inquiry Program (AIP), a unique Master's degree program for educators.



The program offers an exciting Master's degree from Miami University with experiential learning and field study with the zoo. AIP courses provide students with hands-on, real-world experience with conservation education, community engagement, inquiry-based learning and environmental stewardship. Students may decide to incorporate regional or international field courses as part of their AIP coursework. Through their various course projects, AIP students hone their own focus within the program based on their personal and professional goals. To support involvement by a broad range of educators and conservation professionals by keeping the program affordable, Miami University and Woodland Park Zoo offer significantly reduced tuition and fees for all courses.

Prospective students are encouraged to attend the informational forum to learn more about enrollment opportunities to earn either a Master of Arts in Teaching in the Biological Sciences or a Master of Arts in Biology degree from Miami University. The AIP offers a groundbreaking graduate degree focused on inquiry-driven learning as a powerful agent for social and ecological change.

The informational forum includes a presentation followed by a question and answer session with Woodland Park Zoo staff and current AIP students and graduates, as well as snacks and a live animal encounter.

WHEN: The information sessions will be held on:

- Tuesday, November 15, 6:00-7:30 p.m., at Woodland Park Zoo
- Wednesday, January 11, 6:00-7:30 p.m., via webinar
- Wednesday, January 18, 6:00-7:30 p.m., at Woodland Park Zoo

WHERE: Woodland Park Zoo Education Center, located adjacent to the South Entrance at N. 50th St. and Fremont Ave. N. Free parking.

RSVP: To attend, RSVP to aip@zoo.org or call 206.548.2581; must RSVP for in-person and online sessions.

INFO: As one of eight national Master Institutions for the AIP, Woodland Park Zoo is excited to offer local Washington educators unique learning experiences on zoo grounds, in natural settings around Washington, and at field conservation sites around the world. Based on Woodland Park Zoo's significant experience with educator professional development, the AIP provides a strong foundation in ecological literacy, skills in inquiry-based learning and principles of field investigation. Students make local connections, receive individualized mentoring, and share their work at the zoo and in their community. Students also join fellow students, AIP faculty, and leaders across the U.S. in web-based learning communities for collaborative research and national inquiry projects.

Enrollment is open to applicants with a bachelor's degree regardless of academic major or profession. The AIP can be completed part-time while working, and is designed for a broad range of professionals from education, conservation, business and government settings.

For more information, visit zoo.org/aip or contact aip@zoo.org or call 206.548.2581.

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