

## CALENDAR ADVISORY

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### Earn a master's degree the wild way

#### *Zoo hosts information sessions on its Advanced Inquiry Program*

#### WHAT:

The Advanced Inquiry Program (AIP) is an exciting master's degree for people who are interested in creating social and ecological change. Offered by Woodland Park Zoo in Seattle, in affiliation with Project *Dragonfly* at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, this groundbreaking program supports students in learning how to use inquiry as a tool for co-creating a better and more sustainable future. Designed for environmental and education professionals across many fields, students engage in exciting experiential learning and field study opportunities with Woodland Park Zoo. AIP students work directly through Woodland Park Zoo staff to improve local communities through shared investigation and action, while also learning with peers and faculty in an unprecedented national network of leading institutions.

#### Benefits of the Advanced Inquiry Program:

- **The zoo as your window to a world of learning:** AIP master's students earn 35 total credit hours: 21 credit hours of AIP Web+ courses that combine experiential learning on site at Woodland Park Zoo with web-based instruction, plus 14 credit hours of AIP Core Courses that occur on the web. Up to 7 credit hours from an [Earth Expeditions](#) global field course may count toward the degree.
- **Convenient and flexible:** Can be completed in 2.5 to 5 years part-time while working!
- **Affordable:** Approximately \$5,600 per year for basic courses and fees!
- **Relevant:** Program courses and projects integrate Washington State Science Learning Standards for inquiry-based science learning, best practices in informal science and conservation education, and participatory education as a tool to engage all communities in the creation of a more sustainable future.

Applications for the Advanced Inquiry Program are accepted until February 28, 2019 for summer enrollment. For more information or to apply, see Project *Dragonfly*'s website: <http://aip.miamioh.edu/apply>

#### WHEN:

##### **Information Sessions (include snacks and a live animal presentation!)**

- Tuesday, November 27, 6:00-7:30 p.m., via webinar
- Tuesday, January 15, 6:00-7:30 p.m., at Woodland Park Zoo's Education Center
- Wednesday, January 23, 6:00-7:30 p.m., via webinar

#### WHERE:

Information to participate in the online webinar sessions will be provided upon RSVP. The Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> session will be held at Woodland Park Zoo's Education Center, located adjacent to the South Entrance at N. 50<sup>th</sup> St. and Fremont Ave. N. Free parking.

#### RSVP:

To attend, RSVP to [aip@zoo.org](mailto: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](http://zoo.org/aip) or contact [aip@zoo.org](mailto:aip@zoo.org) or call 206.548.2581.

Founded in 1899, Woodland Park Zoo engages more than a million visitors of all ages, backgrounds, abilities, and walks of life in extraordinary experiences with animals, inspiring them to make conservation a priority in their lives. The zoo is helping to save animals and their habitats in the wild through more than 30 field projects in the Pacific Northwest and around the world. Woodland Park Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums and certified by the rigorous American Humane Conservation program. The Humane Certified™ seal of approval is another important validation of the zoo's long-standing tradition of meeting the highest standards in animal welfare. Visit [www.zoo.org](http://www.zoo.org) and follow the zoo on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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