

Job Opportunity: ABQ BioPark Zookeeper I, II, III (REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS) – closing date 8/29/22

Come work with our amazing Reptile and Amphibian team and collection and in a beautiful state where the sun shines 300 days a year!

The Albuquerque (ABQ) BioPark, the most visited attraction in New Mexico (1.2M annual visitors) is a dynamic cultural facility including an AZA accredited zoo and aquarium, a botanic garden and public park with fishing ponds. The BioPark is a beloved community jewel. The voters of the Albuquerque community voted in favor of a fifteen-year 1/8 cent gross receipts tax (GRT) in 2015 to support the implementation of the BioPark's master plan. This support has allowed the BioPark Zoo to make important additions to the zoo including a new elephant barn, Birds of Prey exhibit, nearly \$10M in maintenance infrastructure improvements and the opening of new Asia and Australia exhibits in 2023. In addition to broad community support for capital improvements, the BioPark is currently in the midst of strategic planning process that has identified a new mission, core values and strategic program pillars to guide our work over the next five years. We are excited to have this process evolve alongside a master plan review and update process that aligns capital improvements with program development that is focused on community engagement and conservation impacts.

You will be joining our team to help care for a collection of more than 340 animals (23 amphibian, 42 snake, 15 lizard, 18 turtle, and 3 croc species). We are currently involved in several Association of Zoos and Aquariums Species Survival Plans and local conservation and research initiatives. The BioPark has a dedicated reptile building as well as separate amphibian and crocodile facilities.

The ABQ BioPark has been continuously accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA) for more than 30 years, demonstrating the BioPark's ongoing leadership in animal welfare and veterinary care, conservation, education, guest experience and safety. At the core of the BioPark's AZA accreditation is the professional staff dedicated to the care of our living collections. This position, once hired, will automatically be enrolled in the BioPark's Animal Care Excellence (ACE) program a new certification program that allows animal care staff to advance in their careers through ongoing training and development opportunities while also improving the lives of the animals entrusted to our care. Employees follow a curriculum of online and in-person trainings about a range of topics including animal wellness, nutrition, animal training and enrichment. The program allows for four distinct animal care staff levels, with each level receiving increased responsibilities and higher pay. This position will be hired at a Level I, II or III depending on experience and education. For more information about the ACE Program: [*New Certification Program at the ABQ BioPark Will Offer Career Advancement, Ensure Continued Excellence in Animal Care — City of Albuquerque \(cabq.gov\)*](#)

AZA Link: <https://www.aza.org/jobs?job=32347>

Please indicate in the objectives area of your application that you are applying for REPTILES.