Herpetologist

**Job Description:** Zoologists who specialize in the study of reptiles and amphibians, such as frogs, snakes, and turtles. Positions range from fieldwork to curation in museums or aquariums.

**What does a Herpetologist do?**

* Implement conservation efforts for different species of reptiles and amphibians
* Analyze the influence that human activity has on reptiles and amphibians in their natural habitats
* Estimate, monitor, and manage wildlife populations and invasive species
* Keep enclosures well maintained
* Conduct environmental impact studies or wildlife impact studies for the government
* Manage educational programs centered around reptiles and amphibians
* Participate in the ethical acquisition, disposition, transport and acclimation of reptiles
* Care for and feed the animals within the exhibit

**Outlook:**

Average Salary - $31.08 hourly, $64,650 annually

Projected Job Openings – 1,700 in the next 10 years

**Your Interests:**

* Do you like caring for animals such as frogs or snakes?
* Are you interested in studying reptile and amphibian wildlife?
* Are you interested in working to protect and conserve reptilian and amphibian life?

**Education/Program of Study:**

* Bachelor's degree is required for most entry level positions, and a master's or Ph.D. may be required for higher positions
* Degree paths include biology, herpetology, natural history, ecology, and other related fields.