Ex-situ Research Volunteer Positions at Ocean Park for Biology, Marine Science and Engineering students

What we do?

Ocean Park accepts local and international students to join its research internship and volunteer programme. The research team of Ocean Park aims to build a strong bridge between scientific advancement, animal welfare, conservation and education. Our current projects are all designed with special attention to these four pillars of ex-situ research efforts focusing on various aspects of animal behaviour, cognition and perceptions that maybe keys to the survival of the species. As a member of AZA, Ocean Park continuously thrives to provide the best possible environment and care, using scientific approach for behavioural monitoring and analysis for both marine and terrestrial species. Moreover, our cognitive experiments investigate the ability of problem solving, shape recognition, associative learning as well as on mutualistic and altruistic cooperation.

For more information:
https://www.esztermatrailab.com
How to get involved?

Applications are not restricted from the above-mentioned fields. The selection is based on both academic results and extracurricular merits, but most importantly on the candidates’ dedication and self-motivation. We have full time (5 weekdays/week) and part-time (min. 2 weekdays/week) On-site volunteer positions and Off-site positions for Behavioural and Acoustic data analysts. All positions are unpaid with a minimum commitment of 4-months. Successful candidates receive specific training according to the assigned positions.

What will You learn?

- Learn what it takes to work in the field of research
- Hands on experience with experimental setup and data analysis
- Understanding of animals’ physiology and behaviour
- Teamwork, coordination and independent responsibilities
- Research planning and execution
- Research communication
- Basic foundation for your future career

Qualifications and requirements

On-site volunteers:

- Have a positive attitude and strong willingness to learn
- Good oral/written communication skills in English
- Basic computer knowledge
- Able to work independently as well as in a team
- Must be responsible for food, accommodation and transportation
- Past experience with animals is desirable
- Able to comply with OP volunteer rules and regulations

Off-site working volunteers – Behavioural data analyst:

- Have a positive attitude and strong willingness to learn
- Self-motivation
- Good oral/written communication skills in English
- Computer knowledge: Excel, Word, QuickTime Player 7, BORIS
- The ideal candidate will have strong attention to details and ability to work precisely and accurately
- Able to comply with OP volunteer rules and regulations
Off-site working volunteers – Acoustic data analyst:
• Have a positive attitude and strong willingness to learn
• Self-motivation
• Good oral/written communication skills in English
• Basic programming knowledge of signal procession and filtering
• Experience with MATLAB and Audacity
• The ideal candidate will have strong attention to details and ability to work precisely and accurately
• Able to comply with OP volunteer rules and regulations

How to apply?
To apply please submit the following (same for all positions):
• Statement of Interest
• Days (Mon-Fri) of Availability
• Preferred Position
• Academic Records
• Letters of Reference
• Curriculum Vitae

Application deadline: 15 August 2022
Internship period: 5 September 2022 – 31 December 2022

Please send applications to Eszter Matrai, eszter.matrai@oceanpark.com.hk with "Research Volunteer" in the subject line. Please note, only complete applications will be considered, applications with missing documents will be ignored.

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