

Conservation Research Internship

Position Overview

Join a passionate team making a real impact on conservation in Madagascar — from anywhere in the world.

We are offering a unique remote internship opportunity to support SEED's conservation professionals working on the ground in Madagascar. As part of this role, you'll contribute directly to vital environmental research through data input, cleansing and preliminary analysis. This position is ideal for a motivated individual with a foundation in conservation data who is eager to deepen their skills and gain hands-on experience.

About the organisation

SEED Madagascar is a British Charity working in partnership with communities in the southeast of Madagascar. We integrate high quality community health, livelihoods, education infrastructure and conservation programmes to support sustainable change and add to international best practice through research and publication across all of our programmatic areas.

Location: Remote – based anywhere in the world

Time zone: East Africa Time

Timeframe: 6 months extendable – flexible 2 days a week

Contract: Voluntary, unsalaried

Reporting to: Conservation Research Coordinator / Senior Research Assistant

Duties and responsibilities

1. Receiving data from the team of researchers in Madagascar and taking responsibility for the organising, cleaning and inputting of data
2. Feeding back to the team with recommendations for data quality improvements and learning
3. Supporting on the initial analysis across the range of data collected when required
4. Working with the wider SEED environment team in inputting data and analysis into technical reports
5. Opportunities for liaising with the SEED communications team on highlighting data findings through social media
6. Any other tasks the Conservation Research Coordinator deems necessary within the broad remit of this role

Qualifications

- Hold or be studying towards an undergraduate or postgraduate degree in or relating to conservation or have comparable field experience
- Have experience inputting and managing datasets
- Have experience applying software, preferably R or Python, for data manipulation and analysis.
- Proven high standard of written and verbal communication and editing skills
- Demonstrate an understanding of and commitment to SEED's ethos and approach and be a good ambassador for the organisation at all times
- Be punctual and be able to work to tight deadlines in an organised manner and to a high standard
- Ability to work well under pressure to targets and deadlines
- Proactive, creative and resourceful
- Experience of collaborative team working and be able to work both independently
- Excellent listening and verbal communication skills and a flexible and patient attitude
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office, particularly Word, Excel and PowerPoint
- Proficiency in data analysis and statistical modelling
- Be able to financially support themselves for the duration of their internship as there is no stipend available for travel

Application process:

Interested applicants should send a CV and covering letter in English outlining how their skills and experience match the requirements in the role description and detailing why they wish to be considered for this post to Lisa Bass by email on lisa@seedmadagascar.org. Applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis until the position is filled.

Please note: AI generated cover letters and recruitment exercises will not be processed.

SEED Madagascar actively encourages equality, diversity, and inclusion in the workplace and aims to create a working environment free of bullying, harassment, victimisation, and unlawful discrimination, where individual differences and the contributions of all staff are recognised and valued.

Application deadline: 26th May 2025.