

Announcement

Volunteer in Botany or Ecology for the Galapagos Verde 2050 Program

Application deadline: Until filling the vacancy

Expected start date: immediately

Duration: Initially for a 3-month period with the possibility of extending the placement for 3 additional months upon review.

Galapagos Verde 2050 (GV2050) is a program run by the Charles Darwin Foundation (CDF), which focuses on the terrestrial ecological restoration of the archipelago in urban, rural, and protected areas. The Galapagos Verde 2050 was established in 2014 and is a multi-institutional and interdisciplinary effort that is marking a milestone in the ecological restoration of the archipelago. The program seeks to actively contribute to the conservation of the natural capital of Galapagos and the wellbeing of its inhabitants through the development of the following research components:

- Conservation of threatened plant species
- Restoration of degraded ecosystems
- Rural and Urban Restoration

The GV2050 program is seeking proactive volunteers with a passion for conservation and sustainability. This is a unique opportunity for anyone who wants to know first-hand, the important scientific work we do here for the conservation of the Galapagos Archipelago.

Volunteer responsibilities

- Support in plantings in urban, rural, and remote island areas
- Assist in monitoring the plantations of GV2050
- Support in germination experiments of endemic species for the projects
- Research with endangered species and natural restoration on various islands
- Care of plants in germination and development process, in experiments or nurseries
- Support in logistics and materials for field trips
- Support program members in report writing
- Support plant propagation for urban garden contest

Requirements

- Experience in the following areas: Biology, Agronomy, Ecology, Environmental Sciences, or others related to the subject
- Knowledge about basic concepts and principles of botany
- Intermediate level in Excel
- Experience in using R is an advantage
- Excellent social and interpersonal skills

- Proactive, able to integrate into a multidisciplinary team
- Able to work in an isolated environment and willing to work long hours and weekends
- Good health to be able to work in the field, physically challenging
- Passionate about the conservation of natural and protected spaces

Conditions

The Galapagos Verde 2050 Volunteer reports directly to the leader of the Galapagos Verde 2050 program. The successful candidate will be based at the CDRS on Santa Cruz Island in the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador. A volunteer assignment with CDF does not imply a continuing relationship with the volunteer beyond the expected duration of the assignment.

The volunteer is expected to work a minimum of 40 hours per week, from 7:45-12:30 and 2:00-17:15. The working schedule can change according to the program activities. Vacation and/or additional time away from the station may be requested in advance by the volunteer but will be subject to the approval of the program coordinator.

How to apply

For additional information and those interested in this position should send their application form and attachments by e-mail to the following address vol@fcdarwin.org.ec and patricia.jaramillo@fcdarwin.org.ec

Please refer to this page for information about other requirements and application instructions: www.darwinfoundation.org.ec