HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Announcement

Volunteer Opportunity in Botany or Ecology for the Program:

GALÁPAGOS VERDE 2050

Application deadline: Until the position is filled

Start date: First quarter of 2027

Duration: 3 to 6 months, with preference given to applicants who are available for the full 6-month period to ensure greater continuity in the program's scientific activities.

Introduction

Galápagos Verde 2050 (GV2050) is a program led by the Charles Darwin Foundation (CDF) that focuses on terrestrial ecological restoration throughout the archipelago in urban, rural, and protected areas. Implemented since 2014, GV2050 is an interdisciplinary and multi-institutional effort making an important contribution to ecological restoration in the archipelago. The program seeks to actively contribute to the conservation of Galápagos' natural heritage and the well-being of its inhabitants through the following research components:

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

At GV2050, we are looking for proactive individuals with a passion for conservation and sustainability. This is a unique opportunity for anyone who wants to contribute to the important scientific research and community engagement work we carry out in support of Galápagos conservation.

Volunteer Conditions

The Charles Darwin Foundation (CDF) will provide the equipment and materials needed to carry out project activities, as well as logistical support for field trips to other islands, when applicable. Technical guidance will also be provided by the CDF scientific team, in accordance with institutional policies and procedures.

The volunteer will work under the supervision of the scientist responsible for the project and will follow the schedule assigned by CDF.

Volunteers must comply with CDF's Internal Regulations and Procedures Manual, and strictly adhere to the regulations of the Galápagos National Park Directorate (GNPD) and any other applicable regulations to ensure that field activities are carried out appropriately.

Required Profile

- Experience in relevant fields such as biology, agronomy, ecology, environmental sciences, or other related disciplines.
- Knowledge of basic botany concepts and principles.
- Intermediate proficiency in Excel.
- Experience using R is an advantage.
- Excellent social and interpersonal skills.
- Proactive and able to work as part of a multidisciplinary team.
- Ability to adapt to remote working environments and willingness to occasionally participate in extended workdays or weekend activities, depending on project needs.
- Good physical health to undertake physically demanding fieldwork.
- Passion for the conservation of natural and protected areas.

Desirable Skills

- Teamwork.
- Resilience during laboratory activities and field trips.
- Effective communication.
- Positive attitude and openness to feedback.
- Responsible, proactive, and committed to conservation.

Responsibilities

The volunteer will support the following key activities:

- Support planting activities in urban and rural areas and on remote islands.
- Support the monitoring of GV2050 planting sites.
- Support germination experiments involving endemic species for the projects.
- Support research on threatened species and natural restoration across several islands.
- Support the care of plants during germination and growth in experiments or nurseries.
- Support field trip logistics and preparation of materials.
- Support program team members in preparing reports.
- Support plant propagation for the garden competition.

Benefits:

- Uniform provided.
- Accident insurance.

How to Apply?

Interested applicants must complete the online form available at the following link: https://forms.office.com/r/jf7Y7gAJfm, attaching the required documentation in accordance with the instructions provided in the form.

Applicants must follow all form completion guidelines, established deadlines, and required attachment formats.

Only applications that fully meet all established criteria regarding qualifications, format, documentation, and content will be considered.

Do you have any general questions about this volunteer opportunity?

If you would like more information about this volunteer opportunity, please send your questions to the following email address so we can respond appropriately:

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