

The Charles Darwin Foundation for the Galapagos Islands is recruiting a Field Advisor in Bio-Business and Innovation

Application deadline: May 29th, 2023

Start date: Immediately

Introduction

The mission of the Charles Darwin Foundation and its scientific station is to provide knowledge and assistance through scientific research and complementary action to ensure the conservation of the environment and biodiversity in the Galapagos Archipelago.

The objective of the position

The Field Advisor in Bio-Business and Innovation is to position the Entrepreneurial Community of the Seafood System in the Galapagos and mainland Ecuador, to plan activities and events and develop a training program in innovation and ventures for entrepreneurs. Advise entrepreneurs in the creation and development of innovative business initiatives that have a triple impact (economic, social, and environmental), and in turn, advise on the formulation of business models, writing of business plans, and preparation of financial evaluations to ventures that seek to transform the seafood system to make it resilient, autonomous, fair and prosperous.

required profile

- Professional background in economic and/or administrative sciences with a master's degree.
- Minimum of 5 years of work experience in areas such as popular and solidarity economy, social entrepreneurship, innovation, business networks, marketing, value chains, and adult education.
- Language: Fluency in Spanish and English is essential
- Experience in agricultural and fishery food value chains and using methodologies to promote innovation and creativity among groups of adults will be regarded as advantageous qualifications.

Activities

- Position the Entrepreneurial Community of the Seafood system in the Galapagos and continental Ecuador
- Plan and coordinate the activities and events of the Galapagos Seafood System Entrepreneurship community and promote the establishment of an entrepreneurship community for the coastal region of Ecuador
- Build public-private alliances that can contribute to strengthening the Entrepreneurial Community of the Galapagos Seafood System
- Develop a training program in innovation and entrepreneurship for entrepreneurs
- Organize and document learning meetings with entrepreneurs to contribute to the development and definition of business ideas in the early stages
- Advise entrepreneurs in the creation and development of innovative business initiatives that have a triple impact (economic, social, and environmental), including social innovation ideas that seek to transform the seafood system to make it resilient, autonomous, fair, and prosperous
- Advise entrepreneurs in the formulation of business models, writing business plans, and preparation of financial evaluations for projects that seek to transform the seafood system to make them resilient, autonomous, fair, and prosperous
- Form a network of mentors who can support and guide entrepreneurs in different stages of the development of their projects
- Form a club of investors to support the early development of ventures.
- Manage institutional relations with other public and private organizations that promote innovation and entrepreneurship in Galapagos and the coastal Ecuador region.
- Develop a system for delivering and monitoring small donations for developing ventures in the early stages.
- Identify possible sources of financing and formulate financing policy recommendations that could facilitate access to credit for entrepreneurs related to the seafood system in Galapagos.
- Generate permanent communication content to make visible the activities and impact of the project
- Advise the Galapagos fishers with a traceability system on business and innovation issues.

Conditions

The scientists in charge of the project directly supervise the Field Advisor in Bio-Business and Innovation. The selected candidate will be based at the Charles Darwin Research Station (ECCD) on the island of Santa Cruz, in the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador. A position with the Charles Darwin Foundation only implies an ongoing relationship with the Bio-Business and Innovation Field Advisor beyond the intended duration of the assignment.

The person is expected to work 40 hours per week, from 07:45-12:30 and 14:00-17:15. Depending on project activities, such as field trips, this schedule may be modified.

The Field Advisor in Bio-Business and Innovation will faithfully comply with the rules, regulations, and procedure manuals of the CDF and strictly abide by the laws and regulations of the DPNG. Among the practices of this: maintain a distance of 2 meters from wildlife; it is not allowed to touch or feed the animals on the island; follow authorized trails, do not remove sand, stones, or elements

of nature, DO NOT introduce any foreign element into the ecosystem such as food, plants and pets among others.

How to apply

Those interested in this position should send the following documents (in a single PDF file) via email to pro.seleccion@fcdarwin.org.ec

- Curriculum vitae updated.
- Letter of interest describing your skills by the requirements for this position.
- Three professional letters of recommendation, including the names and email addresses of the references.

If you need additional information, please get in touch with the email mentioned above.