

Announcement

Volunteer for the project: Galápagos Verde 2050

Application deadline: Until filling the vacancy

Expected start date: November 2018

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

The Charles Darwin Research Station (CDRS), is located inside the Galapagos National Park and operated by the Charles Darwin Foundation (CDF) in Santa Cruz Island, Galapagos. Being one of the premier visitor sites in the Galapagos Islands, every year it receives well over 100,000 visitors, including the majority of the islands' foreign visitors and cruise ship passengers.

The Galapagos Archipelago is one of the greatest biodiversity spots and an excellent conservation reference worldwide. There are more than a thousand different registered plant species within the islands, of which almost two hundred are endemic or only occur in the Galapagos Archipelago. The Galapagos Verde 2050 was established in 2014 and is a multi - institutional and interdisciplinary project, that actively contributes to the conservation of these natural assets of Galapagos as well as the “wellbeing” of its human population.

The project has two primary sub-projects:

- Ecological restoration- With the use of water saving technologies, the project works to restore the island's ecosystems, primarily through the planting of over 70 native and endemic plant species on 6 different islands.
- Sustainable agricultural practices- The project collaborates with farmers and the local populations to make places more sustainable and less of a threat to the native flora and fauna. Also encouraging the use of water-saving technologies as an agricultural tool to make farms more self-sustaining.

The GV2050 project 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 Galapagos Archipelago.

Role responsibilities

- Working in the project's various study sites planting endemic and native species
- Working in the project's various study sites monitoring the project's plants
- Preparing resources and logistics for trips to the field
- Working with the care and monitoring of plants the project has in the station
- Supporting the project leader in scientific investigations
- Working in collaboration with the Herbarium of the foundation
- Composing pieces of professional or scientific writing
- Presenting findings within the station or to local audiences

Requirements

- Relevant study experience in biology, conservation, sustainability, botany and/or other related fields of study.
- Proficiency in English and Spanish is preferred. Other languages are an advantage.
- Excellent social and inter-personal skills.
- Pro-active, able to integrate in a multi-disciplinary team.
- Able to work in an isolated environment and willing to work long days and weekends.
- Adequate level of health to endure the physical demands of field work.
- Interest in conservation of natural and protected areas.

Conditions

The Galapagos Verde 2050 Volunteer reports directly to the leader of the Galapagos Verde 2050 project. 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 7:30-12:00 and 13:30-17:00. The working schedule can change according to the project 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 project coordinator.

The CDF will negotiate the entry permits to Ecuador, but will require the cooperation of the volunteer in their country of residence for coordination with the appropriate Ecuadorian embassy that grants the visa. CDF will not process a visa in excess of the expected duration of the assignment.

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

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