



Biology Internship Placement 2019:

ARCAS is a Rescue and Rehabilitation Center in Peten, North Guatemala, with over 40 species of tropical animals such as: scarlet macaws, Amazonian parrots, spider and howler monkeys, crocodiles, turtles, margays, jaguarundis, toucans, raptors, kinkajous, coatis and many more. The majority of these animals were confiscated from the illegal pet trade. Our main goal is to rehabilitate and release as many of these animals as possible.

Requirements

- Currently studying or have studied in biology or a biology related field
- Animal experience (preferably at least 1 year accumulated experience with tropical animals, such as zoo keeping or long term volunteer animal experience. Also accepted: animal shelter work, farm work, stables)
- Experience working in a team
- Experience working as a leader
- Over 20 years old
- Medium to fluent level in both English and Spanish
- In good mental and physical health (must be able to lift 20kg)
- Valid passport
- No criminal record
- Two 6 month internships available
 - Dates starting:
 - First week April 2019
 - First week July 2019
- Closing date for applications: 31 January 2019

Job outline:

- Assist in animal behavior studies (focus on primates and psittacines)
- Enrichment projects
- If required, assist with young animal care
- Take part in on-site animal releases
- Daily animal husbandry
- Assist volunteer coordinator in day to day management of volunteers and volunteer tasks
- Various administration/office work (social media, data entry etc.)

Admin:

Interns are under the supervision of the ARCAS Biology Coordinator

- Roster:
 - 7 days a week
 - 22 days on, 8 days off
 - Each 8 days arranged in advance and timing dependent on circumstances at the center (Needs to coincide with other interns)



- Advance arrangement of visa trips (visa renewal every 3 months as required by Guatemala Government)
- The completion of the full six month internship is required.
 - There is also the possibility of extending this internship beyond this time depending on long term studies, responsibility shown during internship, and at the discretion of the Coordinator and Director.
- Costs:
 - **This is an unpaid position**
 - Weekly cost of \$175 for the first month trial period
 - Dependent on development and completion of requirements/responsibilities, this can lead to discounted rate negotiated with the Director of the center on a monthly basis
 - All meals and on-site accommodation is included

Experience:

- You will gain:
 - Valuable experience in animal behavior, observation and analysis
 - Be part of new research projects revolving around the rehabilitation of different species back into the wild.
 - Meet people of all ages and backgrounds from around the world
 - Gain problem solving skills in different environments
 - The chance to teach the importance of conservation and make a difference in people's lives and experiences
 - To be part of a close-knit team, all working at the front line of animal rehabilitation and combating the illegal wildlife trade.