

Announcement

Volunteer for the Regenerative Tourism Research Project in the Galapagos Islands

Application deadline: May 31, 2024

Expected start date: June 4, 2024

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

Project Background

The Galápagos Islands both thrive off of and are facing increasing pressures from tourism, which necessitates ongoing research to understand and mitigate the material impacts of tourism on the islands' ecosystems and communities. The Charles Darwin Foundation (CDF) conducts multidisciplinary research to provide scientific insights and evidence-based recommendations to policymakers under its Sustainability Program. Chloe King, PhD Researcher at the University of Cambridge, is leading this project and seeking a volunteer to support in the dynamic work of social science investigation in the islands.

Volunteer Responsibilities

- **Survey Administration:** Design, administer, and oversee the collection of surveys from tour operators and tourists.
- **Interviews:** Conduct structured and semi-structured interviews with stakeholders.
- **Data Management:** Input and analyze both qualitative and quantitative data.
- **Reporting:** Coordinate with the CDF and other researchers to compile research findings into comprehensive reports.
- **Presentations:** Prepare and deliver findings to local policymakers and at conferences.

Requirements

- **Education:** Bachelor's degree preferred in Social Sciences, Tourism Management, or related fields.
- **Experience:** Experience or training in social science research methodologies and survey administration.
- **Skills:** Proficient in data analysis and statistical software, able to work independently and as part of a team, excellent communication skills in both English and Spanish.

Conditions

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 Chloe King at ck585@cam.ac.uk

Please refer to this page for other information and application instructions:
<https://www.darwinfoundation.org/en/about/careers/volunteers/>