

Announcement of Marine Research Volunteer Positions

Application Deadline: Until vacancy is filled

Start time: Immediately

Duration: 1-2 months

The Charles Darwin Foundation is at the forefront of biodiversity conservation and advocacy in the Galapagos Islands. From invasive species and climate change to habitat loss, the Galapagos Islands face unprecedented threats. Since 1959, the Charles Darwin Foundation has been on the front lines, addressing these challenges through scientific research and conservation action.

Opportunity:

We offer the opportunity to collaborate with a project related to the sustainable use of Galapagos protected areas and in particular its Marine Reserve. The purpose of the study is to determine how tourists and visitors use the protected areas of the Galapagos Marine Reserve after the COVID-19 pandemic.

As CDF host, you will interact with tourists and visitors from around the world. Your responsibilities will include conducting surveys to tourists and visitors, as well as briefly explaining the context of the study.

As a volunteer, you are not obligated to know everything about the Galapagos and the Charles Darwin Foundation. This is where our dedicated staff and scientists play a crucial role: we are well equipped to provide you with a thorough introduction to our past, current projects, along with a detailed overview of the history of the Galapagos. In addition, we actively encourage you to engage in independent learning by connecting with our scientists who possess in-depth knowledge of their respective projects. We encourage you to explore our collections and library to deepen your knowledge of our Foundation.

Responsibilities:

- Collect essential data from visitors and tourists by conducting surveys.
- Digitization of surveys into databases.
- Promote the work of the Charles Darwin Foundation in interactions with tourists and visitors.

Required profile:

- Fluency in Spanish (basic level) and English (basic level).
- Passion for conservation and environmental issues.
- Good public speaking skills, easy to engage in conversation.
- Fast learner.

Conditions:

The volunteer reports directly to the principal investigator of the project and will comply with the daily work schedule.

The successful candidate will be based at the Charles Darwin Research Station (CDRS) on Santa Cruz Island, Galapagos, Ecuador. There is no financial support for this collaborative opportunity.

A volunteer assignment with CDF does not imply an ongoing relationship with the volunteer beyond the intended duration of the assignment. CDF will arrange entry permits to Galapagos, but will require the cooperation of the volunteer in his or her country of residence to coordinate with the appropriate Ecuadorian embassy to grant the visa. CDF will not process visas that exceed the duration of the assignment.

How to apply?

For more information, those interested in this position should send their application form and attached documents by e-mail to the following address: vol@fcdarwin.org.ec.

See this page for additional requirements and application instructions:
www.darwinfoundation.org.ec.