Museum Taxidermy Internship

Fundación Para La Tierra
Pilar, Ñeembucú Department, Paraguay

About Para La Tierra

Fundación Para La Tierra is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the conservation of fragile habitats in Paraguay. We achieve this mission through three primary programmes: Scientific Research, Community Engagement, and Environmental Education. Based in Paraguay, the ‘heart of South America,’ we are caring for the country’s second largest natural reference collection, with over 30,000 specimens of different animal groups. This is one of the most important resources for conservation and natural history, in a country where relatively little is known about its biodiversity.

About the Internship Position

Para La Tierra is searching for enthusiastic interns to join our team in Paraguay for 1 to 3 months. As a museum taxidermy intern, you will learn how to prepare different taxonomic groups like mammals, bird, reptiles and insects with help from our museum curator. This includes activities like:

- Measuring and manipulating dead animals.
- Skinning and stuffing small to medium sized mammals and birds.
- Counting scales on snakes.
- Extracting organ tissue for our tissue collection.
- Pinning insects like beetles, butterflies, ants, etc.
- Creating tags for the specimens.

Depending on your interests, you can also join other museum-related activities. Our internship program is designed to provide young professionals with the opportunity to gain hands-on experience working at a zoological collection, while sharing moments with an international team of professionals.

**Gain basic experience in taxidermy and become part of the second biggest zoological collection of Paraguay!**
**Requirements:**
Applicants must be over 18 years old and have or be working towards a degree in a biology related subject. They must be prepared to stay for a minimum of one month. Conversational English is required.

**Conditions:**
Para La Tierra charges interns to cover costs of room and board. The price includes three meals a day, a bed in shared accommodation with hot showers and access to WiFi. The fee also covers the use of PLT’s scientific equipment, administrative costs associated with the stay, and a small contribution to Para La Tierra’s conservation and education projects.

**Costs** – $1,195 per month for the first 2 months and $995 for each subsequent month.

**How to Apply**
The application period is rolling and there are no start or end dates, so the trip can be organised to suit the project and the person. To apply please email your CV to olivia@paralatierra.org or fill out our application form at www.paralatierra.org/internships.