



## Internship Opportunity with KABAROLE TOURS: KASENDA ECOTOURISM DEVELOPMENT Summer 2011

**POSITION TITLE:** intern (two positions)

**LOCATION:** Kasenda Forest, Uganda

### **DESCRIPTION OF HOST ORGANIZATION:**

Uganda has recently made great steps in protecting its wildlife while undergoing a period of rapid economic growth. The National Parks of Uganda are now relatively well protected, and the conservation of parks is recognized as critical to the maintenance of environmental health and environmental services as well as economic returns. It is now time to turn to protecting some of the few remaining natural areas on public land. Richard Tooro (<http://kabakaba.50webs.com/indexx.html>) is the director of Kabarole Tours, which is dedicated to the use of ecotourism experiences to promote the conservation of natural systems and the betterment of the livelihood of the local communities in Uganda. He has been given permission to restore and promote a very small scale ecotourism resort in what was the Kasenda Forest Reserve. This is a wonderful location, which includes a crater lake, a rich bird fauna and three species of monkeys. Richard Tooro has worked in conjunction with Drs. Colin and Lauren Chapman from McGill University for over a decade.

### **DUTIES/JOB DESCRIPTION OF INTERN:**

Interns would work on a variety of tasks including aiding in forest reforestation, promoting tourism through development of forest trails and guidebooks specific to the location, identifying and marking species names on trees, habituating red colobus monkeys, and various other tasks associated with the development of the ecotourism site. Also interns will help promote and operate a small local library near Kasenda.

**HOURS:** The intern can expect to work full-time from approximately May 16<sup>th</sup> to August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This is flexible depending on activities, but is normally 40 hours per week.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Interns must be flexible and open to learning and participating in a variety of situations.

- An interest in or experience with issues pertaining to the environment, ecological systems, conservation, and community outreach
- Excellent communication skills in English (English is the national language in Uganda)
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Ability to live out of a tent for extended periods.
- McGill students in U2, U3 or graduate studies (Arts must be your primary degree)
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Returning to McGill full-time in the fall

**REMUNERATION:** Unpaid.

**COSTS:** The intern is responsible for all costs associated with the internship including transportation, accommodations, visas, medical costs, etc.

Successful applicants will be eligible to apply for Faculty of Arts Internship Awards.

See <http://www.mcgill.ca/arts-internships/awards/apply> for more information.

**Travel arrangements:** Preparing travel arrangements to and from your internship host community is the responsibility of the intern.

**Accommodations:** Finding suitable lodging during the internship is the responsibility of the intern.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Students must submit both electronic applications by e-mail and hard copies in person. **In person, to Leacock room 307:**

- One copy of application form
- Cover Letter addressed to Anne Turner, explaining your motivations for applying and why you are a good candidate. One page max.
- C.V. (résumé)
- Official McGill transcript printed in a sealed envelope (note: This must be ordered on Minerva in advance)

**By e-mail to [aio@mcgill.ca](mailto:aio@mcgill.ca) from your Official McGill E-mail Address:**

- The application form saved as `firstname.lastname_Application.doc`
- Cover Letter and C.V.
- **Guidelines:**  
Please submit your CV and Cover Letter together in one document.  
Please use the following file-name format: `firstname.lastname_CV`  
(ex.: `james.mcgill_CV.doc` or `james.mcgill_CV.pdf`)  
The AIO will only consider applications received from students' official McGill e-mail accounts

**Please Note:**

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. At that time, you may be asked to come in for an interview. The Arts Internship Office will then transmit the selected applications to the host organization, which will ultimately be responsible for the selection of the candidate(s).

**Extended Application Deadline:** March 9, 2011

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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***Important Information – please read prior to applying for this internship:***

All applicants should consult the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (DFAIT) Travel Reports for the internship host country prior to applying for this internship.  
[http://www.voyage.gc.ca/countries\\_pays/menu-eng.asp](http://www.voyage.gc.ca/countries_pays/menu-eng.asp)

**HEALTH AND SAFETY:**

Traveling, living and working abroad can involve certain risks to your health and safety that differ from your home country. These may include: crime, political/social instability, tropical diseases/infections, extreme weather conditions, poor infrastructure, etc.

The Arts Internship Office cannot guarantee the safety of any intern in their host country. It is up to the student to fully assess and prepare for any health or security risks that may be involved in pursuing this internship. Applicants are encouraged to discuss potential risks with their family prior to applying.

Applicants must ensure that they are physically and mentally capable of successfully completing an internship in the internship host country. The Arts Internship Office may request a doctor's attestation that an applicant is sufficiently healthy to complete an internship.

Students should consult DFAIT's travel reports for health and safety information:  
[http://www.voyage.gc.ca/countries\\_pays/menu-eng.asp](http://www.voyage.gc.ca/countries_pays/menu-eng.asp)

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

Interns are responsible for informing themselves of what entry requirements are required to visit and work as an intern in the internship host country. These may include a visa, work permit, passport valid for at least 6 months after entry, and proof of certain vaccinations.

The intern is responsible for acquiring all necessary documents in time for the beginning of their internship.

Students should consult DFAIT's travel reports for information on country entry requirements  
[http://www.voyage.gc.ca/countries\\_pays/menu-eng.asp](http://www.voyage.gc.ca/countries_pays/menu-eng.asp)

**INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIP TRAINING MODULE:**

Successful candidates are required to attend the following sessions:

- University-Wide International Travel Pre-Departure Session – March 2011 (Date/Time TBA)
- Faculty of Arts Interns Information Session – March 17 (evening session)
- Regional information meeting with AIO staff (March, Date/Time TBA)
- International Internship Preparedness Workshop – April 30 or May 1 (one-day session)
- International Internship Debriefing Session – September 2011 (Date/Time TBA)