

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY WITH THE INSTITUTIONAL CANOPY OF CONSERVATION PROJECT (I-CAN) SUMMER 2021

POSITION:	Intern (6 positions / 2 interns per organization)
LOCATION:	Kenya (remote)
DESCRIPTION OF HOST ORGANIZATION:	<p>I -CAN Project The I-CAN program is a partnership project involving a rich network of collaborators and partners from universities, research institutions across the world. The project looks into governance and the conservation of rangelands, wetlands and forests of the East African savannah, especially in the borderlands between Kenya and Tanzania. A major goal of their research is to identify the most effective designs for effective future Community-Based Conservation programs by examining the impacts of ongoing conservancy experiments on community livelihoods and members' attitudes and practices towards natural resources.</p> <p>SORALO (South Rift Association of Landowners) SORALO is a community-based initiative whose primary role is to bring landowners together for effective and sustainable management of natural resources over an area of approximately 1.3 million hectares. Our programs are related to research, education, cultural heritage, women's enterprise, and conservation. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, interns will not travel to Kenya and will interact with their host organisation through Zoom meetings. On any given day, they might be asked to work on blog content, to help with publications/ reports /pamphlets/ guide books, or process data. In 2020, the interns did not travel to Kenya either. They processed wildlife data collected by rangers and enjoyed following interactions between rangers and wildlife and communicating frequently with Kenyan partners in WhatsApp groups.</p> <p>IMPACT (Indigenous Movement for Peace Advancement and Conflict Transformation) IMPACT is a peacebuilding, human rights, governance, land rights and policy advocacy and community development organization working among and with pastoralist communities to address the major problems faced by minority and indigenous people. In this regard IMPACT has been keen to tackle first and foremost, the loss of land rights, historical land injustices, and exploitation of natural resources without participation or accruing benefits. Secondly, IMPACT also tackles problems and challenges relating to government biased development and conservation policies, social exclusion and discrimination based on descent that continue to undermine the dignity of indigenous people and minorities in key target counties of Laikipia, Isiolo, Marsabit and Samburu. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, interns will not travel to Kenya and will interact with IMPACT through zoom meetings. In 2020, they did not travel to Kenya either and have been helping primarily with fundraising campaigns, organizing and compiling field work reports, and redesigning IMPACT's web site.</p> <p>ILEPA (The Indigenous Livelihoods Enhancement Partners)</p>

	<p>ILEPA is a non-profit community-based NGO that advocates for human and land rights and social justice, enhances diversification of indigenous livelihoods, and works with indigenous pastoral peoples to address environmental and climate change challenges that have been exacerbated by increased pressure on natural resources. Born out of an indigenous struggle for land rights within the former Maji Moto Group Ranch, ILEPA has been the voice of marginalized indigenous peoples in the continued fight for land rights among the pastoral Maasai of Narok County. ILEPA has expanded its geographical and topical scope especially through partnering with local and international organizations, and research institutes to play key roles in advocacy, knowledge production and policy.</p> <p>Interns will not travel to Kenya because of the COVID-19 pandemic. They will communicate with the ILEPA team through Zoom meetings. Their task may include supporting fund raising, copy-editing reports, and they may be given a small fund to collect information on the field.</p>
INTERN'S DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I-CAN requires that interns write either an independent study paper or internship paper as part of their internship. - The needs and programs of each partner organization are constantly changing, thus flexibility of applicants is paramount. <p><i>Interns' duties and projects may not be as listed. These will depend on the needs of the host organization.</i></p>
HOST ORGANIZATION'S REQUIREMENTS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strong interest in learning about issues around community conservation, sustainable development, land tenure security, community level development in East Africa. - Some academic background in issues related to conservation and/or development. - Ability to work with GIS and mapping is an asset. - Ability to take initiative and work/complete tasks with little supervision. - Willingness to study Swahili either in preparation for, or during, the internship.
HOURS:	25 hours a week
DATES:	12 weeks from May 3 to July 23 ,2021
REMUNERATION:	\$4,500 CAD issued through a Faculty of Arts Internship Award.
HOW TO APPLY:	Students must complete the online Arts Internship Application Form available on the AIO website: https://www.mcgill.ca/arts-internships/internships/postings/application
DEADLINE TO APPLY:	February 15, 2021. 12:00pm noon EST.
ELIGIBILITY:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - McGill Faculty of Arts students (B.A., B.A & Sc., BSW, B.Th., M.A, MSW) - Minimum CGPA of 2.7 - Returning to McGill in the fall semester following the internship - Students must fulfill Faculty of Arts requirements as outlined in the Handbook for Interns https://www.mcgill.ca/arts-internships/resources (under General Resources -> Handbook)

COSTS:	The intern is responsible for all costs associated with the internship including transportation, accommodations, etc.
TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:	Preparing travel arrangements to and from the internship host organization is the responsibility of the intern.
ACCOMMODATION:	Finding suitable lodging during the internship is the responsibility of the intern.
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.

Please Note:

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. At that time, you may be asked 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).

If you feel you have experienced barriers which have had an impact on your academic performance and wish to highlight these to the selection committee, the documents/comments will be taken into consideration.