

Internship Opportunity at **Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS)**.

Number of vacancies: Two

Position: Research Intern for Bengal Florican Project in north east India

Position details: This vacancy is for 5 months

Remuneration: Currently, this is an unpaid position. However, travel and accommodation in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh will be covered by the project. Food will be provided during field surveys. The intern should take care of his food while he/she is stationed at field station in Bokakhat.

Chief responsibilities: 1) To assist in conducting bird survey, vegetation surveys, social surveys 3) To assist in organising awareness programmes for local communities

Last date to apply: It's an open call. The position will be filled as soon as suitable candidates are shortlisted; therefore, interested individuals are requested to apply immediately.

Candidates must possess the following basic qualifications/skills: • A Bachelor's or Master's degree in the natural sciences (preferably Ecology/Environmental Science/Wildlife Biology/Life Science/Zoology) • Ability to work independently. • Physically fit and energetic candidate. • Candidates from North-east India will be given preference • Health and accident insurance is necessary for selection.

We will work with you to make sure you to get the most out of your experience with us in the field. From working directly in the field with scientists and learning from them will give you first-hand experience and you will be contributing in the research and conservation of threatened bird species. The positions are ideal for students, graduates, and professionals in the field (age > 20 years).

Once selected, you will have to cover your travel and other associated cost to reach the field site at Bokakhat town near Kaziranga National Park. Your accommodation will be taken care during your stay at Bokakhat and during the field work. However, you need to take care of your food during your stay at Bokakhat. We shall provide accommodation and food during the field work. The responsibilities would include accompanying the Scientist in the field and helping him to carry out field activities such as point counts, vegetation sampling and Schedule surveys and other data collection. Once back to base camp/HQ you will assist in data entry or report writing as desired. Since this is a conservation project, the candidate might have to work with local communities. Field work would involve traveling, camping, trekking in the floodplains of Brahmaputra where certain risks are associated with the work. The volunteer acknowledges and accepts sole responsibility for any such risks of whatever nature that may occur during the term of the field work. Applicants should be prepared to live in basic field accommodations and carry out extensive field work/treks in the floodplains. A certificate will be provided to the participant at the end of their tenure. The work might

involve at times challenging situations either dealing with wildlife, dangerous grassland habitats and local communities.

Volunteering placements are often in areas where the standards of accommodation, transport, safety, hygiene, level of infrastructure development and medical facilities are not the same as cities.

BNHS cannot accept any responsibility for accidents, injuries, loss of personal effects or death which you agree to fully assume. You understand that during the placement certain events may occur, including, but not limited to, accident or illness in remote places, borders or political instability and the forces of nature. You agree to assume all risks associated with the field work in such areas.

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How to apply: Submit a complete CV along with a cover letter (not exceeding one page) clearly conveying why you consider yourself a suitable candidate for this position. Mention at least two references of your field. In case of graduate and post graduate students, letter of undertaking from their legal guardian, letter of consent from their college/ university/ organization/ institution is must. **Interested candidates should send their applications (bio-data and reasons for getting involved) to hr@bnhs.org/b.chakdar@bnhs.org by 14th February 2020** with the subject line “Application for Intern Bengal Florican Project”. For any queries or additional information, write to b.chakdar@bnhs.org

Thanks and regards