Wildlife Conservation Internship.

Tanjung Puting National Park
OFl Orangutan Care Center
Kalimantan, Indonesia

Communications Officer Internship

- Duration is from 6 to 12 months.
- There is a cost of US$250 per month for food and lodging, which will be arranged by OFI.
- Transportation expenses, travel and health insurance are the responsibility of the Intern.
- Proof of vaccinations and a health certificate from a doctor are also required.
- Applications for the next internship beginning January 15th are due November 1st.
Be moved and motivated, watch the preview of ‘The Last Trimate’

Orangutan Foundation International (www.orangutan.org) protects 6,000 wild orangutans in Tanjung Puting National Park, in Kalimantan, Indonesia.

Facilities include the Orangutan Care Center, which rehabilitates 330 young orangutans and prepares them for return to the wild, 16 guard posts throughout the park and numerous staffed feeding stations.

The OFI Fellows Program offers individuals a rare opportunity to travel abroad and witness firsthand the impact and realities of wildlife and habitat protection, by working at OFI’s Orangutan Care Center in Pasir Pajan, Kalimantan. The OFI Fellow is an unpaid, volunteer based position designed to increase OFI's impact and to offer participants a unique insider experience.

Successful OFI Fellows tend to share certain skills and characteristics:
- Overseas experience (preferably in developing countries)
- High degree of flexibility, self-motivation and problem solving
- Excellent writing skills
- Strong interest in orangutans and other endangered wildlife
- Familiarity and comfort with various web applications
- Dedication to working in the field in primitive conditions
- Ability and commitment to fundraise for their trip
- Sincere interest in the history and culture of Indonesia
Furthermore, past OFI Fellows with the following skills have found great success in the program:

- Fluency or advanced communication ability in Bahasa Indonesia
- Background in environmental sciences

**Travel & Philanthropy:**

‘All over the world, travellers and travel companies are giving financial resources, time, and talent to further the wellbeing of local communities. This emerging movement is helping to support and empower local and indigenous communities by providing jobs, skills, and lasting improvements in health care, education, and environmental stewardship’. [www.travelersphilanthropy.org/what-is-travelers/definition.shtml](http://www.travelersphilanthropy.org/what-is-travelers/definition.shtml)

**OFI Fellow Core Responsibilities:**

The OFI Fellow is an integral part of the OFI Team, acting as OFI's eyes and ears in the field and helping to extend limited resources to maximum effect. OFI Fellows fulfill tasks set out in a Work Plan, defined by OFI.

**Work Plan**

1. Connect OFI donors who have adopted orangutans to their adoptees
2. Your journal entries, business postings and blog entries will help build the rich content that encourages OFI donors to adopt orangutans and to renew their adoptions
3. Provide monthly updates on each orangutan available for adoption. Add at least one orangutan or other animal to the roster per week.
4. Develop innovative ways to facilitate connections via creative journaling, YouTube video and other means.
5. Write a weekly blog entry on the OFI Fellows Blog.
6. Promote awareness of OFI's programs to the local community
7. As an OFI Fellow, your work will help support OFI's marketing and organizational development. Your consistent feedback is invaluable to OFI's growth.
8. Communicate regularly with OFI.
9. Understand and promote OFI Policies
   10. Provide updates and feedback through weekly progress reports and a final end-of-fellowship report within one month of returning
11. Complete other tasks for OFI as needed

**Additional Requirements:**

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Resources/Links:

Orangutan Foundation International:  www.orangutan.org

SAVE Travel Alliance  www.SAVE-travel.org


Center for International Forestry Research  www.cifor.cgiar.or


Conservation International: Indonesia
www.conservation.org/explore/asia-pacific/indonesia/Pages/priorities.aspx

WWF Indonesia  www.wwf.or.id
The Nature Conservancy: Indonesia www.nature.org/wherewework/asiapacific/indonesia
Government of Indonesia:  www.indonesia.go.id/en/
Ecolodges Indonesia  www.ecolodgesindonesia.com
Tec Networks of Boston:  www.techboston.com/index.htm
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The SAVE Alliance is non-profit “network of networks” that facilitates linkages between potential or developing tourism destinations and attractions, and the appropriate SAVE markets.

In 2003, a group of students from The George Washington University travelled to Honduras to conduct field studies as a component of an experiential consulting class designed to present the Honduras Institute of Tourism with a tourism strategy to increase visitation to the North Coast. The students conceived and presented the SAVE concept of tourism, a strategy that integrates the market demand and untapped supply of four specific niche markets: Scientific, Academic, Volunteer, and Education. The key to the strategy is geotourism, a philosophy that works to sustain and enhance, rather than hinder the local destination.

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