

CONSERVATION | AWARENESS | COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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SINCE 1998

INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS



WELCOME TO GVI

GVI tackles critical local and global issues by operating award-winning education and training programs on sustainable development projects around the world.

We proudly partner with local and international NGOs, including Ocean Conservancy, Panthera, the Professional Association of Divers (PADI), Project Aware and Save the Children. We also work with the National Parks of Costa Rica, Fiji, Mexico,

Seychelles, South Africa and Thailand, in order to provide impactful sustainable projects in collaboration with local communities. Formed in 1998, over 30,000 participants have traveled with us, with over 2,500 people participating every year.

We have won numerous awards and the vast majority of GVI alumni describe their experience with us as life-changing, with over 98% adding that they would want to travel with us again in future.

1998
GVI FORMED

30,000
GVI PARTICIPANTS

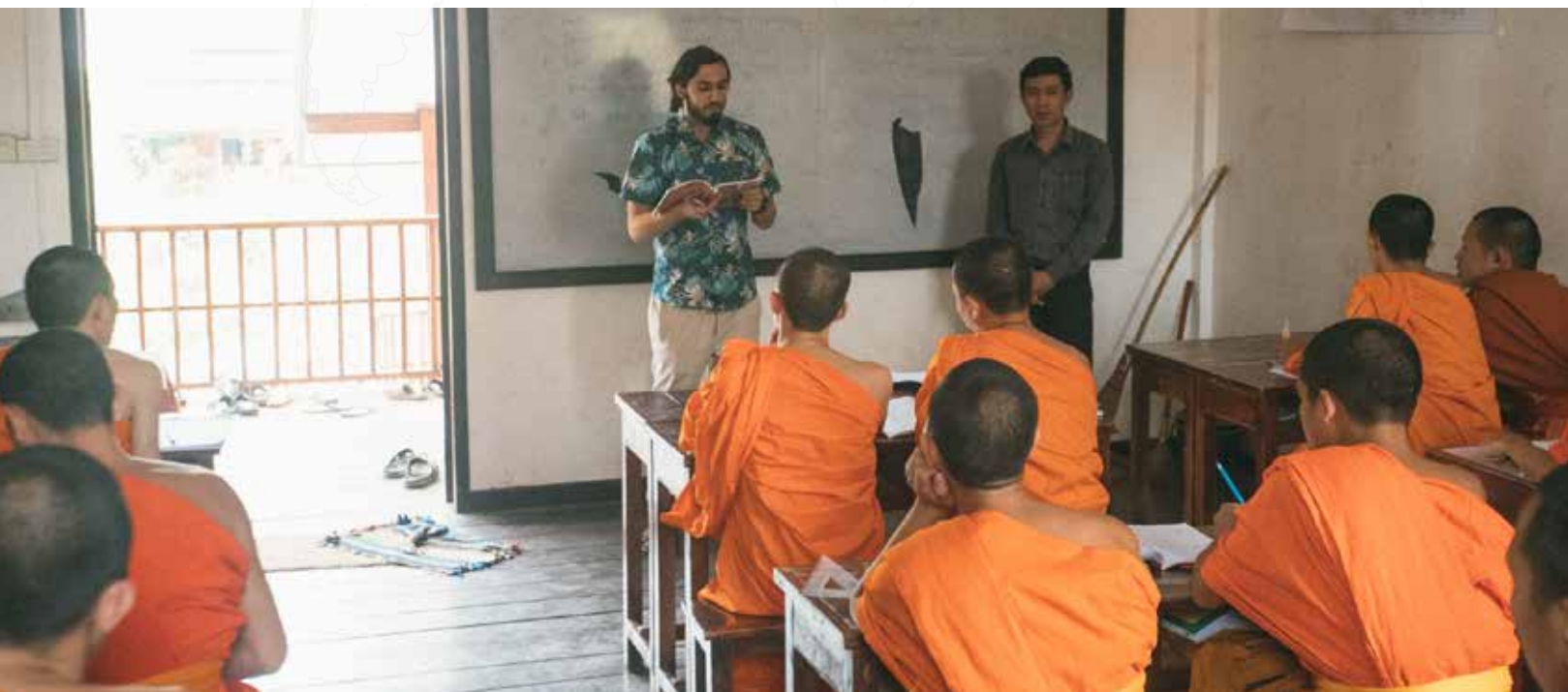
2,500
PARTICIPANTS/YEAR

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS

We work in partnership with schools and colleges across the United States and around the world, including:

- Bournemouth University
- Columbus State University
- Duke University
- Endicott College
- LeMoyne College
- London South Bank University
- New York University (NYU)
- Portland State University
- Stanford University
- Texas Christian University (TCU)
- Texas A&M University
- University of Massachusetts
- The Ohio State University
- The University of Ottawa
- University of Westminster

In tandem with university faculty and staff, we design and implement our scholastic experiences based on a range of academic majors and specific learning objectives. GVI also offers a credit-bearing course for students who want to receive credit for their experience. Please consult with us if this is something you are interested in learning more about.



ABOUT OUR PARTNERSHIPS

Specifically focused on developing leadership and teamwork skills, our internships provide you with the opportunity for real work experience in a variety of countries, equipping you with transferable skills for a competitive advantage in the job market. Joining one of our internships is a great way to explore a specific career path, interact with a new culture and

contribute to resolving key global issues across a variety of fields. We offer short-term internships that can be completed in as little as two weeks. Long-term internships, which last up to six months provide you with an opportunity to take on a leadership role by providing support to short-term volunteers and allow you to complete a personal internship project.

OUR ALUMNI

EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE HIRED GVI INTERNS OR ALUMNI, INCLUDE:

- Big White Ski Resort
- Carnival UK
- Coastal Jaguars
- Emirates Airline
- Good Samaritans Hospital
- Google
- InterContinental Fiji Resort
- Manta Trust
- The Children's Society
- The Nature Conservancy
- United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)
- WiseOceans
- YMCA.

ALL OF OUR INTERNSHIPS INCLUDE:

- accommodation, room and board as well as complete logistical support
- weekly one-to-one meetings with staff supervisors
- a confidential professional recommendation on completion of the internship program
- a project developed with your personal and professional goals in mind
- career mentoring
- comprehensive health and safety training and 24/7 support from GVI staff
- GVI's ILM Leadership Development Certificate
- extensive field training
- GVI interns are given preference for vacancies within our organization and select GVI partners. Today, 60% of GVI employees are also GVI alumni.



WHAT MAKES GVI PROJECTS UNIQUE?



LONG TERM PARTNERSHIPS

We build long term partnerships with community leaders and adopt an attitude of collaboration in our work, in order to empower communities for consistent, steady progress.



HEALTH & SAFETY

Health and safety is our number one priority and we adhere to strict regulations prior to and during all our projects, ensuring the safety of our participants. We provide 360 degree support before and during all our internships.



FLEXIBILITY

Our internships are dynamic, with flexible start dates and durations.



ACADEMIC CREDIT

Please speak to our Enrollment Managers about receiving academic credit for your participation.



TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

You will gain transferable skills on our projects, while learning to talk about your experience with future employers.

Our programs will not only give you hands-on practical skills, but may also contribute towards your degree.



2-12 WEEK INTERNSHIPS

MARINE CONSERVATION



Improve your access to careers in marine biology, conservation and the diving industry. As an intern, you could be collecting data to help establish community-managed Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in Fiji; conducting surveys on the coral and fish species in Mexico; or performing recovery research in the Seychelles to protect the future of this eco-system. GVI also facilitates Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI)

Divemaster Internships, an Instructor Development Course (IDC) and a Master Scuba Diver Trainer course (MSDT), giving you access to the world of professional diving and marine conservation, including placements at local dive centers. All internships also give you the opportunity to participate in environmental education workshops and community development projects.



Seychelles, Mexico, Fiji



Biological and Environmental Sciences



Marine Biology



WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

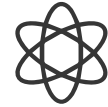
Gain experience in conservation research techniques, such as animal tracking using telemetry equipment. You could intern on a South African nature and wildlife reserve; assist organizations with studying endangered jaguars and turtles of Costa Rica; conduct conservation



research in Seychelles; or, help research elephants in their natural habitat with a local community in Thailand. Interns also help with hands-on reserve management projects, and take part in community development initiatives.



South Africa, Costa Rica, Seychelles & Thailand



Biological and Environmental Sciences



Animal Behavior & Veterinary

GENDER EQUALITY

You will contribute to impactful and sustainable gender equality initiatives by taking part in these internships. Deliver weekly workshops to women and girls, teach conversational English and computing skills. Project workshops aim to develop the confidence and self-sufficiency of



participants in order to promote new ways of thinking about employment and income generation. Participating in this internship means you will play an important role in highlighting positive female role models in the local community and beyond.



Nepal, India, Laos & South Africa, Ghana & Cambodia



Education



Women & Gender Studies



OUR DESTINATIONS

Mexico

Students learn about the biodiversity of Mexican marine ecosystems and their conservation while contributing toward local environmental preservation efforts. Or, they can gain intercultural competency and improve their Spanish while positively impacting the lives of children through teaching.

Costa Rica

Students live on a remote research station and learn about rainforest ecosystems while assisting with bird, jaguar, turtle and forest conservation initiatives. Or, they can support long-term educational initiatives and gain a deeper understanding of international development, global citizenship and intercultural competency.

Peru

Students will journey to the Western coast of South America to visit Peru, known for its cultural history stretching back more than ten centuries. Work with local communities to conserve resources and make the most of the economic opportunities tourism makes available in the region.

India

Students learn about India while contributing toward sustainable community projects focused on gender equity, such as women's access to education. Our program in the southeastern province of Kerala combines community development with an in-depth exploration of current issues with possible solutions provided by the efforts of local communities.

South Africa

Students work to improve the learning environment for local children in an underserved community, while completing coursework structured around learning objectives that incorporate best practices. They can gain insight into both wildlife research techniques and conservation activities by living at a research base within a nature and wildlife reserve and taking advantage of the educational opportunities available in this natural environment.

Ghana

Students support communities in their efforts to improve the quality of education and provide women with the support they need to become more financially independent and socially empowered.

Greece

Students support local organizations in Greece with conserving endangered loggerhead turtles. They gain wildlife conservation skills by helping to record nesting activity and contribute to conservation efforts by cleaning the beach of plastic. Students also set up nest protections and guard hatchlings from predators when they make their journey to the ocean.

Nepal

Students contribute to community development projects in the region. They gain intercultural competency by learning about the Nepali culture while contributing to education and women's empowerment initiatives.

Laos

Students teach English language lessons to local students including Buddhist novice monks and other local community members such as young professionals working in the tourism sector. Or, they can participate in our women's empowerment program that works toward creating greater gender equality in the region.

Thailand

Students learn about the education system in Thailand while supporting teaching projects. They develop technical and transferable skills through hands-on experience with education projects. Or, they can immerse themselves in conservation efforts by learning about the region's biodiversity while contributing to turtle conservation.

Seychelles

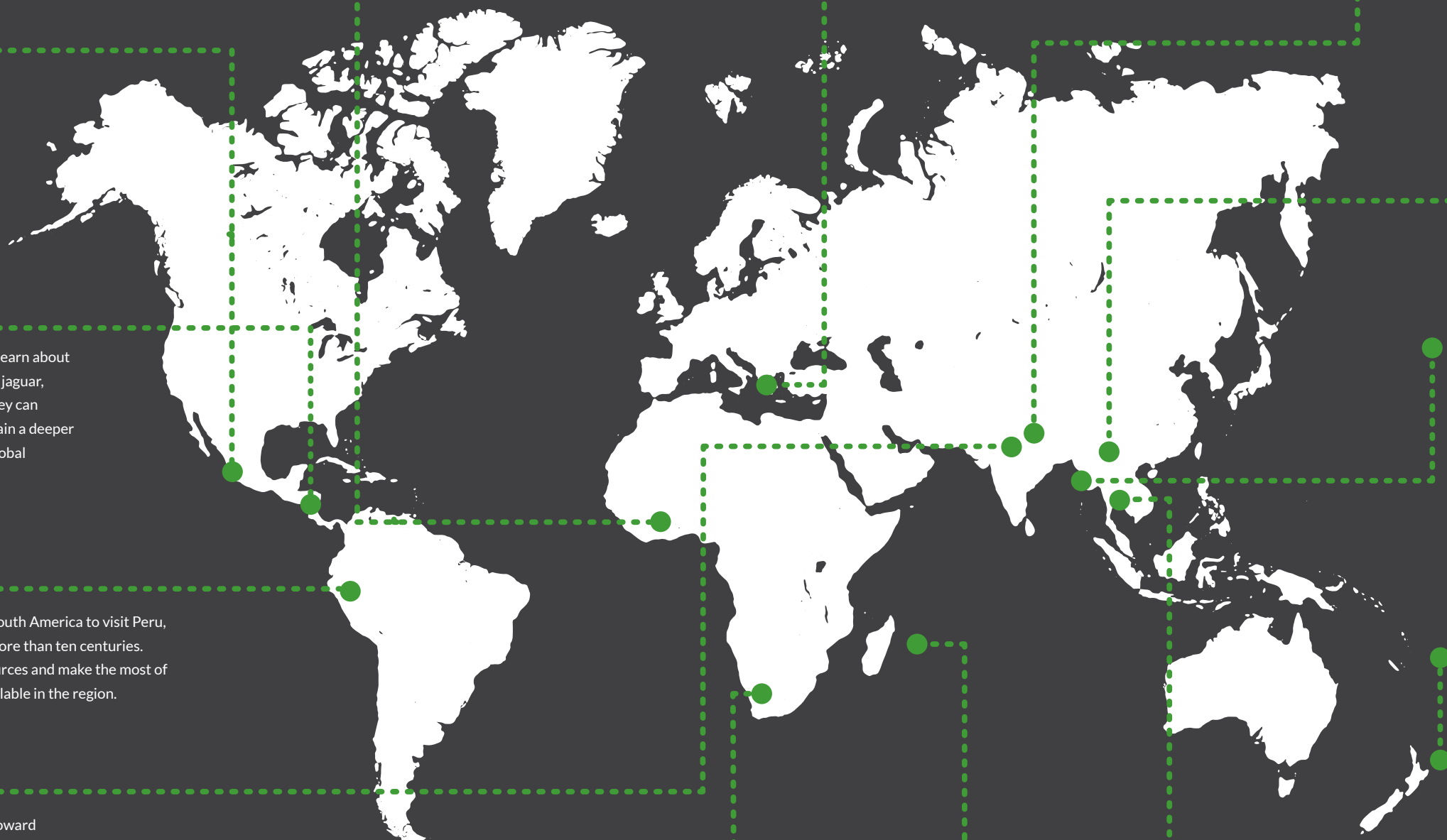
Students have the opportunity to make a positive environmental impact by contributing to marine or island conservation projects focused on protecting corals, lemon sharks, giant tortoises, sea turtles and indigenous plant species. They gain new knowledge and skills while learning about the natural environment of this tropical archipelago.

Cambodia

Students can contribute to education, women's empowerment, and community development initiatives in Cambodia. They can learn about the history of the region by visiting Angkor Wat, the largest religious building in the world.

Fiji

Students can contribute to sustainable development in Fiji by gaining marine conservation knowledge and skills and then assisting with researching the marine environment. Alternatively, they can engage in community development to positively impact the area by partnering with local community members to provide educational support to children, participate in women's empowerment initiatives and contribute to public health programs.



24 WEEK INTERNSHIPS

TEACHING ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TEFL)

Give your teaching career a head start when you join this internship. Become a fully qualified TEFL teacher and put your skills to good use teaching English to a local community. You will spend time leading weekly lessons in schools, facilitating small group tutoring sessions, as well as

getting involved in one-on-one tutorials with students. Participants also gain valuable insight into the coordination and running of educational workshops, as well as general management of development projects on the ground.



Costa Rica, Laos & Thailand



Education

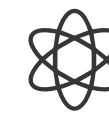
COASTAL CONSERVATION

Develop your practical skills in conservation while learning about and assisting with conservation challenges facing a local community and environment. While working with key in-field partners, you will be contributing toward the global goals of the United Nations.

You could be spending your time conducting biodiversity research and environmental education in Thailand or collecting data on lemon sharks, mangroves, tortoises and turtles, in partnership with the Seychelles National Park Authority.



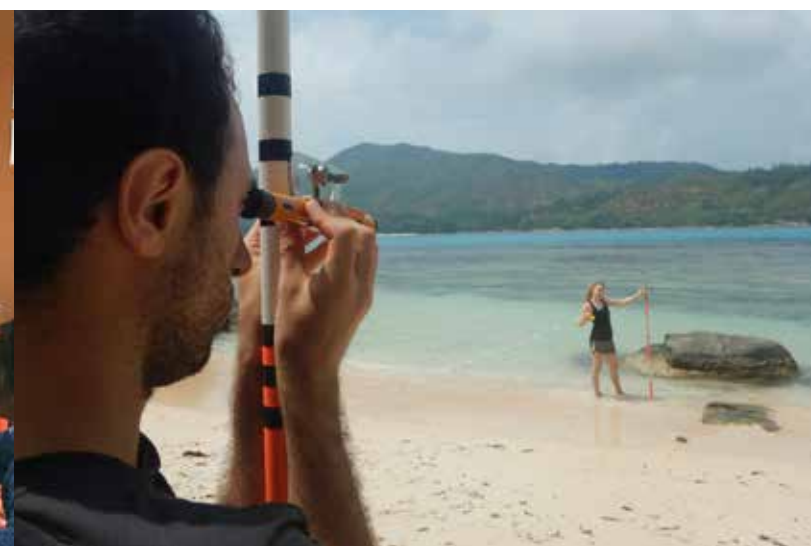
Greece, Thailand & Seychelles



Biological and Environmental Sciences



Marine Biology



GLOBAL HEALTH

Join GVI staff and local partners to discuss critical global health issues and contribute towards viable solutions. You will be working alongside local citizens on a public health project that will serve long-term community needs. You could be conducting sports lessons in South Africa and India to



increase awareness of the importance of physical exercise, or facilitating Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) workshops with local children and other community members in Cambodia, Fiji, India, Nepal, South Africa or Thailand.



Cambodia, Fiji, Ghana, India, Nepal, South Africa & Thailand



Education



Global Health



Sustainable Agriculture

SAFARI FIELD GUIDE COURSE

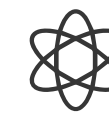
This internship is based on the FGASA (Field Guide Association of Southern Africa) syllabus, which will prepare you for a career in a number of wildlife-focused roles. You will gain in-depth knowledge of Southern African fauna and flora, skills such as wildlife tracking, outdoor firstaid, surveying



techniques, wildlife photography and tracking, as well as 4x4 driving. Your training will include the practical application of subjects such as animal behaviour, conservation ecology, geology and reserve management.



South Africa



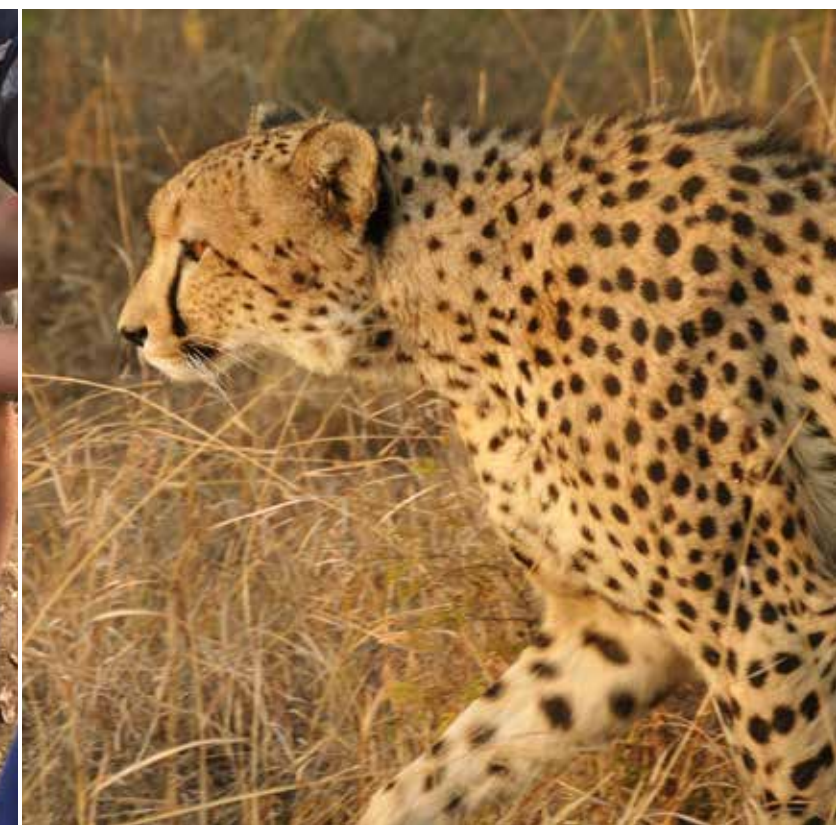
Biological and Environmental Sciences



Education



Hospitality & Tourism



THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (UN SDGs)

On 25 September 2015, the United Nations created a set of Sustainable Development Goals focusing on 17 targets—including topics such as climate change, education, gender equality, health and poverty—all to be achieved by 2030.

Every GVI project is aligned with these UN SDGs and has short-, medium- and long-term milestones that are focused on progressing toward these goals. In conjunction with local partners, each internship has a direct impact on several UN SDGs.



GVI'S NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (NSP)

GVI funds National Scholarship Programs worldwide to enable local nationals to participate in projects and to acquire transferable skills for their future careers. With a goal of increasing local capacities and providing unique opportunities for local youth, NSPs enable individuals to gain valuable practical experience in marine or terrestrial monitoring techniques, teaching, entrepreneurship or community development skills, among other areas. NSPs build long term capacity

in the communities GVI partners with, ensuring that sustainable solutions are achieved and future generations are equipped to tackle issues as they arise.

NSP participants often work alongside GVI interns, affording our interns the opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of their host community and the significance of the work in which they are engaged.



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WHAT'S INCLUDED WHAT ISN'T

WHAT DOES MY PROGRAM FEE COVER?

- internship placement (12+ week programs)
- pre-departure support and materials
- accommodation and all meals
- training and orientation
- 24-hour in-country support
- project equipment and materials
- an unforgettable, off-the beaten track, life-changing experience
- Your fee does not include flights, visas, travel insurance or spending money.



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WILDLIFE RESEARCH

Global Pacific Programs