



FUNDACIÓN THE TOUCAN RESCUE RANCH

WILDLIFE NURSERY INTERNSHIP

THE TOUCAN RESCUE RANCH

The Toucan Rescue Ranch's (TRR) mission is to rescue, rehabilitate, and release Costa Rica wildlife. TRR works with a model that focuses on conservation, education, and research to ensure a brighter tomorrow for Costa Rica wildlife.

TRR's emphasis is on the care, rehabilitation, and release of national wildlife. We receive and care for confiscated, sick, and injured animals from government agencies. The Toucan Rescue Ranch works closely with the Ministry of Environment and Energy of Costa Rica (MINAEC) who brings injured and displaced wildlife to the center. TRR provides sanctuary while giving treatment and rehabilitation. Whenever possible the animal is released to their natural environment.

The Toucan Rescue Ranch is a licensed Costa Rica wildlife rescue facility, Costa Rica foundation (300667701803) and a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization (EIN: 80-0516453).

INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION

The Toucan Rescue Ranch is looking for an intern to work with the Toucan Rescue Ranch's Sloth Team and Toucan Rescue Ranch's Staff to care for baby sloths living at the Ranch. The Wildlife Nursery Intern collaborates with the other Sloth Rehabilitation Interns, animal husbandry volunteers, the founder, and TRR medical staff to ensure the best possible care is provided for the sloths. The Wildlife Nursery Intern's primary responsibilities include feeding, cleaning up after, exercising, taking to the bathroom, and monitoring baby and adult sloths during the night. Additionally, the Wildlife Nursery intern will help with overnight clinical procedures and emergencies. You will not only be working with sloths. You would be also assisting with all baby animals received at TRR and animal's recovery in the clinic.

DURATION OF INTERNSHIP

About 4 months. See the specific dates on our website.

LOCATION OF INTERNSHIP

TRR Headquarters, San Isidro de Heredia, Costa Rica

SKILLS YOU WILL LEARN

- Teamwork
- Exposure to the running of a wildlife rescue center
- Animal handling
- Tube-feeding of mammals and birds
- Animal behavior
- Species identification

ACTIVITIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Feed adult and baby sloths solid foods during the night
- Assist with syringe-feed milk to baby sloths through the night
- Bathroom and monitor weights and overall health of sloths
- Perform physical therapy and exercise for baby sloths that will need it
- Provide leaves to permanent sloth residents
- Monitor release candidate sloths in outdoor enclosures
- Aid vet staff in caring for critical patients during the night
- Carry out nightly inspection (rounds) of the property to ensure all animals on the Toucan Rescue Ranch property are healthy and properly cared for, reporting any issues to the vet staff
- Train new interns for Sloth Team We are always open to suggestions. Let us know if you have a special skill you think will be useful.

REQUIREMENTS & QUALIFICATIONS

General Requirements:

- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Provide proof of emergency health insurance while in Costa Rica
- Provide proof of current tetanus and rabbies vaccination
- The ability to follow directions with attention to detail
- A positive “can-do” attitude and the ability to work well in a team environment

Specific Requirements:

- Must be fluent in either English or Spanish
- Course work: veterinary, primatology, zoology, biology, environmental science, wildlife ecology discipline or have some experience working with animals
- Experience in a veterinary setting
- Moderate degree of fitness
- Be able to handle long hours of solitude

Other Valuable Skills:

- First Aid course is highly recommended
- Experience working with wildlife animals is a plus
- Experience traveling to a tropical country and living in remote conditions are preferred

Ensuring Best Practice Implementation:

- Fostering practices that support and improve the Ranch’s philosophy and goals
- Maintaining quality by establishing and enforcing organization standards

WORK SCHEDULE

The Wildlife Nursery Intern normally works 4 nights a week with 3 days off, work will be from 7 pm to 7 am in the morning. Days off are not necessarily on the weekend. You will learn about your schedule and days off during your orientation at the Toucan Rescue Ranch.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM BENEFITS AND COSTS

We have tried to keep our internships free to make them available to the widest range of people. But as costs keep increasing and income from tourism varies, we must implement fees in order to maintain our operations. The fee is about \$30 a day and covers room and board costs as well as the education you will receive. We continue to improve and expand our facilities and staff providing you with an excellent learning environment. Your fee contributes to the medical care, food, and general husbandry of the animals in our care.

Cost	\$3600, about \$30 per day
Housing	Provided by TRR. Includes utilities and Wifi.
Meals	Meals are provided 7-days a week. We will show you the local stores where you can buy additional food to supplement your meals. Please let us know if you are vegetarian, vegan, or have special dietary requirements.
Other	All other costs are to be paid for by the intern. This includes travel and immigration expenses, medical insurance, and entertainment expenses.

I'D LIKE TO APPLY

If you would like to be a part of the TRR team, please go to <http://toucanrescueranch.org/internships/>, scroll down and click the APPLY HERE button.

You will be asked for:

- One-page cover letter of interest – specify which internship you are interested and the start date
- CV or resume
- Contact information for three professional references

We will promptly contact you to schedule a Skype interview after reviewing your application. If you have any questions, we are always available via email to answer any questions.

CONTACT

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