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International Program in Environmental Studies

Internship Positions 2024-2025

Dear students,

We are happy to present you with internship positions for the international students at the Porter School. In this brochure, you will find internship positions offered by NGOs. The internship period will begin in January 2025 and will last until June-July 2025 with a total of about 120 hours and no more than 7.5 hours per week.

After completing the internship hours, Interns will receive a scholarship of 3,000 NIS + travel expenses up to 300 NIS.

If you are interested in participating in the Internship Program, please review the following positions carefully and identify those you think might fit your background, qualifications, interests, and motivation.

We advise you to explore the organization/company website and strongly consider the organization itself – are you intrigued by their goals and actions? Also, consider technical and logistical issues – are you able to easily reach the organization's offices (some of which are located outside Tel Aviv) on a regular basis, if necessary? Do you have facilities at home in case the job involves working remotely? In our experience, a successful internship experience relies also on details such as these.

Please note:

Those who are interested in applying, (you may apply to a maximum of 3 positions) are requested to fill the [online application form](#) and attach to it a short CV.

1. In your application, please clearly indicate the reason why you wish to intern in this position and how your background and qualifications makes you the right person for the job.
2. After reviewing your applications, your details will be forwarded to the relevant organizations, and you will be invited to interviews.
3. We will do our best to consider your preferences along with the ones of the organizations.

Internship positions:

Arava Institute for Environmental Studies

Engineers without borders Israel cancelled

Food Forest Bethlehem of Galilee (2 internships)

Freedom For Animals

Jerusalem Green Fund

JLM Food Rescuers (the position has changed)

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Arava Institute for Environmental Studies

Since 1996, AIES has brought together nearly 1,800 Palestinian, Jordanian, Israeli, and international students. AIES educates future leaders who can meet the Middle East's environmental challenges with innovative peace-building solutions and ensure a sustainable future for the region. With on-the-ground projects, cutting-edge research with five research centers (climate change, energy, water management, agriculture and arid socio-ecology), and a university-accredited academic program, AIES works to protect fragile shared environmental resources, eliminate conflict over these scarce natural resources and serve as a model for constructive peacemaking for wider areas of conflict.

More info: arava.org

Internship position title:

Promoting Community Energy: Empowering Public Participation in Israel.

Job description including the type of work and responsibilities:

This internship offers an opportunity to explore community energy initiatives in Israel. The intern will examine public participation in local community energy initiatives. The primary focus will be on designing and conducting surveys to assess public awareness, engagement, and the challenges and opportunities within the sector. Through this research, the internship aims to generate insights that will support the development of community energy projects in Israel. Key Responsibilities: a) Survey Design and Development; b) Data Analysis; c) Identifying Barriers, Incentives, and Best Practices.

Requirements:

- a) Background: Students in environmental studies, social science, public policy, renewable energy.
- b) Skills: strong analytical and research skills, good communication skills.
- c) Language: Proficiency in English – knowledge of Hebrew or other European Language is an advantage.
- d) The intern should be passionate about sustainability and community development, self-motivated, and able to work independently.

Food Forest Bethlehem of Galilee (2 internships)

Food Forest Bethlehem of Galilee is an Ecological-Agriculture Farm in 3 different Permaculture (Sustainable Agriculture and/or Sustainable Culture) models: (1) A Food Forest, which was the first one and hence the name of the organization (2) A productive vegetable garden in the form of Market-Farmer (3) An Agro-Forestry orchard. In addition it's a place of gathering and a source of knowledge and awareness raising to a variety of sustainable practices. The place includes a learning environment that hosts 10 different yearly seminars, and a small Farm-to-Table dining place that serves directly from the seasonal yield.

Internship position title:

International cooperations.

Job description including the type of work and responsibilities:

Working with the global permaculture organization and reaching out to other similar organizations world wide to connect, learn from each other and maybe find ways to collaborate.

Internship position title:

Impact measurement.

Job description including the type of work and responsibilities:

Working with the SDG's that we're in charge of, the student will collect and measure social and environmental impact and document it (the results of this work would be published in our website and social media).

Requirements for both internships:

Organizational and information accessibility skills.

Freedom For Animals - FFA

The organization works to promote animals and sustainability through effective campaigning, lobbying, education, and activism.

Our main campaigns are focused on promoting the link between food systems and the climate crisis, as well as banning live animal transports from abroad.

Internship position title:

Social Media Intern.

Job description including the type of work and responsibilities:

This role is crucial for amplifying the NGO's message, engaging supporters, and ultimately advancing the organization's mission through effective use of social media channels.

The social media intern will create engaging, mission-focused content tailored to each platform, including text, images, videos, and other multimedia formats, with the help of other volunteers responsible for content. S/he will also monitor the social media metrics and report trends, opportunities and challenges. It is crucial for the social media intern to stay informed about current events, social issues and trends relevant to the NGO's work.

Social Media outlets we use are Facebook, Instagram, Tik Tok, LinkedIn and Twitter.

Requirements:

Hebrew and English speaking and writing.

Strong understanding of social media platforms and best practices,

Excellent writing and communication skills,

Knowledge of, and interest, in animal right and environmental topics,

Ability to work collaboratively and adapt to changing priorities.

Jerusalem Green Fund

Founded in 2016, 3 salaried staff members and 5 on retainers, non profit public sector English Focus Group (EFG): The EFG is made up of residents of Israel (mostly Jerusalem) and students from around the world who have all spent significant time in Jerusalem. The group aims to stay in touch with its members by connecting and building a coalition of activism, thinking 'green' in their daily lives, and acting locally with a focus on Jerusalem via lectures. Topics discussed in the group are but not limited to; bees in the city ecosystem, green businesses, food waste, etc. The group meets via zoom every 6-8 weeks with around 30 participants.

Internship position title:

EFG, assistant. The assistant would help our staffer coordinate the group from keeping current members in touch, recruiting new members, and encouraging all to become stakeholders of the organization. Additionally, help choose and organize future lecture topics and lecturers for the year.

Job description including the type of work and responsibilities:

Our staff is a small family who support each other all the time in our various positions and tasks. Interns are a part of our family (those of which eventually become part of the EFG!). We are in different stages of life from young 20's to grandparents, single and married, religious and not. We have a weekly staff meeting on Wednesdays from 09:30-14:30 in the office. It is important to attend.

Requirements:

English is a must.

JLM Food Rescuers

Since 2019, the Jerusalem Food Rescuers' aim has been to promote a systemic improvement in the city's food system. Our goal is to create a just, decentralized, and sustainable urban food system, where everyone can take part and has access to fresh and nutritious food. Through citizen-led networks, we aim to inspire change in the relationship between consumerism, food, and the environment. We aim to create healthy, diverse, resilient, and flourishing communities with equitable access to nourishing and culturally appropriate food, and who can take part in creating a better city. We do this through educational work, workshops to the public, food rescuing through volunteer work and advocating for a better food system in Jerusalem.

Internship position title:

The intern will accompany the Policy and Social Media coordinator at the JLM Food Rescuers.

The field of Food Policy includes, in general, three fields:

- Promotion of the Jerusalem Food Council - this is a new body initiated by JLM Food Rescuers. The body includes members of academia, the municipality, the business sector, NGOs and more. The work of a policy coordinator includes the promotion of projects of the body, coordination of meetings within the body as well as the creation and coordination of small working groups.
- Improving and promoting the relationship of the JLM Food Rescuers with other organizations in the city that deal with food.
- Improving and promoting the relationship of the JLM Food Rescuers with the municipality.

The Social Media field includes maintaining and improving the Facebook and Instagram page of the JLM Food Rescuers, with the intention of expanding it to other platforms as well. Our goal is to transform our pages into platforms where the general public can learn about food systems, their current problems and the different ways to improve them.

Job description including the type of work and responsibilities:

It is important to emphasize that any intern will be part of the general team of the JLM Food Rescuers. It is important to us that she or he integrates into the team meetings when they are held, be in contact with the various team members and feel part of the organization.

Regarding the work itself: In the field of policy, the intern will accompany the meetings of the Food Council or of parties within the council, summarize the meetings and may also assist with the coordination of the meetings.

In the field of social media, the intern will assist in the adding to the professional materials that will be published on our social media. The intern will be asked to read current articles on food waste or about the prevention of food waste or about the actions of similar organizations around the world, summarize them and phrase them in a way that is suited for social media.

Our organization is relatively new and very young-spirited. We are open to new ideas and initiatives and would love to add to our team an intern that is passionate about food and sustainability.

Requirements:

- Knowledge in social media
- Ability to read articles in the field and summarize them in an accessible manner
- Ability to work in a team

PlanNet Zero – the TAU Climate Crisis Initiative

PlanNet Zero – Tel Aviv University's Climate Crisis Initiative – was launched in June 2021 to advance the university's contribution to solutions to the climate crisis. The Initiative works on campus to raise awareness around climate change throughout the university community; to help advance climate change research and teaching; and to help disseminate academic knowledge on climate change to public and private sector organizations outside the university. PlanNet Zero acts as a hub for climate change activity on the TAU campus, and is a focal point for researchers, students and university personnel looking to be active in this field. The Initiative is run by a small management team working with a number of students and interns, together with an interdisciplinary academic steering committee representing the different TAU faculties. More details can be found on our website: <https://en-planetzero.tau.ac.il/>

Internship position title:

Case study researcher for the University Climate Action Framework...

Job description including the type of work and responsibilities:

The intern will work on one of our projects – the University Climate Action Framework – where we are working with partners in the UK to develop a framework for universities that are looking to increase their engagement on climate change. The framework sets out different areas of academic activity, in relation to research, teaching, outreach and campus operations, with tools to guide universities in taking further action, while it asks the fundamental question "what is the role of academia in tackling climate change?".

The intern will be responsible for building a database of case studies of climate change-related activities from universities in different countries. This will include researching available online material, managing an online survey sent to various partners, interviewing partners for further information, writing-up case studies and contributing to the development and dissemination of the overall framework. The work can be done remotely, with an expectation of meetings in person every 1-2 weeks with the staff.

For those interested, the internship is an opportunity to get involved in other activities run by PlanNet Zero including events on campus and partnerships with the student association and student volunteers.

Requirements:

Excellent communication skills in English including conversation and writing at a high level (Hebrew fluency is an advantage but not required for the position); ability to project manage and manage workflow alone; familiarity with and interest in different topics related to climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael

KKL Forestry Division– Forest Management and Forestry Information Department

The department deals with the professional aspects of forest management, including policy development, professional guidelines, provision of advanced tools and resources, and consolidation of information in the following areas: forestry interface, forest planning and development, professional training in forestry, surveys and monitoring.

Internship position title:

Forest Management and Forestry Information Department Internship.

Job description including the type of work and responsibilities:

The internship focuses on developing a process model for managing survey and monitoring data within KKL-JNF's new survey and monitoring system. During the internship, existing data repositories will be consolidated and summarized. In addition, the role involves constructing a model for organizing, accessing, and analyzing data on forest conditions.

Tasks include working with geographic information systems (GIS), databases, reviewing relevant policy documents, and designing workflow processes.

The work will be conducted under the supervision of the Department Manager.

Requirements:

- Familiarity with GIS and database systems
- Ability to review policy documents and design workflows
- Background in forest ecology is an advantage.

The Interfaith Center for Sustainable Development

The Interfaith Center for Sustainable Development (ICSD, www.interfaithsustain.com), connects religion and ecology and galvanizes faith communities' action and teaching on environmental sustainability. ICSD manifests these goals primarily through several projects: interfaith engagement at the annual UN climate conference; publication of the Eco Bible; collaborating on the Faith Inspired Renewable Energy Project; and engaging in thought leadership on religion and ecology on social media.

ICSD recently (August, 2024) hired Nas Daily to produce 48 short videos on religion and ecology over the next four months. Their Key Performance Indicator (KPI) for this period will be 4 million views in total for the 48 videos, across platforms. The videos will be between one and two minutes in length, and will be posted on the social media channels of ICSD.

Internship position title:

Intern with Interfaith Center for Sustainable Development.

Job description including the type of work and responsibilities:

The intern will work closely with staff in implementing ICSD's vision. There is a significant range of tasks that interns can be involved in with ICSD, in the areas of video scripting and research, fundraising, and social media. Potential responsibilities include research on environmental issues for social media posts, research on donors and foundations; website development and updating; and creating quote graphics or memes for social media.

Requirements:

Ability to cope with the tasks.

Macadamia sustainability research hub

Macadamia is a Para-Academic Institute centered in Yavne'el, addressing the fundamental questions at the heart of human-environment dynamics. Our mission at Macadamia extends deep into the fabric of our relationship with the environment, seeking not only to elucidate the underlying reasons for humanity's disconnection from nature but also to address the critical question of why, despite widespread recognition and commitment to sustainability, tangible outcomes remain elusive. Central to our mission is the utilization of research and development to discover and refine innovative technologies, methods, and approaches designed to bridge this gap and achieve real sustainability.

Main activities:

1. Research
2. Living Model for Sustainability in ecological farm
3. Training and Leadership Development

Internship position title:

Data coordination intern.

Job description including the type of work and responsibilities:

Collecting and analyzing data that will enable research and drive technological advancement.

Responsibilities:

Develop and implement data collection strategies that align with ongoing research projects on sustainable practices and ecological outcomes.

Establish and maintain field equipment essential for data collection, ensuring all devices are operational and properly calibrated to capture accurate environmental data.

Coordinate a team of students in accurate data gathering directly in ecological farm.

Manage and maintain data, ensuring high-quality datasets are available for analysis.

Requirements:

-Independence in the field – implementing methods and obtaining data values without constant supervision

-Computer Literacy: some computer skills, especially Excel, and the ability to learn new software quickly. Programming (e.g. Python) is advantage.

-Organizational Skills: Demonstrated ability to manage multiple tasks with high precision and attention to detail. Experience in project management or coordination is preferred.

-Interpersonal Skills: communication and collaboration skills

-Adaptability: Comfortable working in a dynamic outdoor environment and able to adapt to changing weather conditions and physical demands of fieldwork.

-Problem-Solving Skills: Ability to identify issues in data collection or project execution and develop practical, innovative solutions.

-Advantage: Technical Skills: data collection tools and software. Familiarity with database management and statistical analysis software.

Ability to visit the ecological farm at least once a month (Close to Golani junction).

The natural step – TNS

The Natural Step Israel (TNS Israel) is a social enterprise (non-profit) that has been operating in Israel since 2012 to promote sustainability and the resilience of the food system.

Our Vision - A sustainable society in Israel through the establishment of a resilient food system.

To this end, we have chosen three main channels of action:

Identifying Gaps and Market Failures - This channel focuses on several areas. Our research department aggregates knowledge, conducts, and publishes studies that form the basis for implementation channels in policy, public opinion change, engagement in action, and habit change. The organization uses quantitative and qualitative research methods and focuses each year on several key issues in the field of food system resilience and sustainability. The Sustainability Lab researches relevant issues, and through a unique process of building trust, we work to promote a sustainable society in Israel. Additionally, we focus on solving market failures such as dynamic pricing for short-shelf-life products and adopting it as a widespread trading practice. In the startups field (food-tech and agri-tech), we strive to encourage solving market failures through technology and innovation.

Leadership - The most required resource, in routine and emergency times, is leadership. To expand the circle of leaders who view the world through the lens of strategic sustainability, we have created a unique training program. "Shikma - Sustainability for Decision Makers" is a cohesive and innovative journey that connects decision-makers from all sectors of Israeli society to the world of sustainability. The program is filled with up-to-date content, leading lecturers, and inspiration from around the world. Its uniqueness lies in transforming leaders' understanding and appreciation of the importance of sustainability.

From Field to Plate - The resilience of the Israeli food system requires a systemic view of all stakeholders and the various stages of food growth, production, and consumption. To this end, we offer a variety of action channels to demonstrate our vision. Among them is a unique concept of 'Masa' events, designed to create a thought-provoking experience at the intersection of sustainability, culinary arts, and art. Additionally, during the Iron Swords War, we initiated the 'Israeli for Blue and White Agriculture' initiative. This initiative reduces gaps from the field to the plate to prevent food waste, encourage local consumption, and place Israeli agriculture at the center. The initiative operates on the axes of direct sales and digitization in three action spaces: national, regional, and surplus agricultural produce. The National Food Waste Reduction Week, initiated by us in 2019, aims to raise awareness and instill sustainable habits in the general public. To achieve this, we offer a variety of workshops, training sessions, and tours on the importance of local food system resilience to raise awareness and change behavior. We also plan to create various connections to the worlds of culture and art. Finally, the organization has a line of end products based on surplus food that would otherwise be discarded.

We create partnerships with government offices, businesses, and organizations in our operating environment to generate practical solutions for farmers and consumers along the entire food value chain, with an emphasis on upstream solutions.

Internship position title:

Research Assistant / Market Research Analyst.

Job description including the type of work and responsibilities:

The intern will work closely with the Head of Research and Development, as well as the entire team, on research, design and development of materials that will serve both the organization and its target audience.

Food system resilience is our biggest project. Our focus areas are reducing food waste by applying upstream solutions and dynamic pricing models in Israel. We do on field research as well as publications reviews.

We love working with interns and we have been doing so for over 8 years in collaboration with different programs. The internship is an online work. When possible, we invite interns to various activities of the organization or the environmental movement. We also keep in touch with many of our former interns.

Please note - since March 2020 due to COVID19 we all work from home. Nonetheless, the intern will have all the professional guidance and personal contact via phone, email and zoom

Requirements:

Required skills:

- Excellent research skills: ability to sort through large amounts of information, focus on the relevant resources and create relevant insights
- Strong writing and editing skills (English)
- Accuracy and attention to details
- Responsibility
- Self-driven, ability to self-manage, but also a good team worker
- Fluent use of Microsoft office programs
- passion for food waste reduction through upstream solutions

The following skills and abilities will be an advantage:

- Graphic design, photography, animation or other artistic skills, including knowledge in relevant programs (Canva, Photoshop)
- Experience and knowledge in social media (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn)
- Hebrew

Technical requirements:

- Basic equipment, such as a laptop with internet access (most of the work is complete via google drive and its relevant programs available on the internet)
- Ability to work from home