

**Below are SAMPLE internship placements in the field of Plant Science. Please note that each internship experience is customized to the interests, skills, and experience of each applicant as well as the current needs of the internship site. Therefore, no past internship site can be guaranteed for future applicants.**

## **Plant Science, 15-Week Internships**

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**COSTA RICA:** National park system. Work in projects of water testing, species monitoring, turtle nesting, soil research, etc.

**ECUADOR:** Mindo Cloud Forest. Hands-on conservation experience by participating in reforestation projects, helping with the harvest of organic coffee beans, maintaining the Reserve's organic orchards, collaborating with neighboring communities on eco-tourism and sustainable business, or assisting a team of visiting conservation researchers.

**HAWAII:** University research. Maintenance of Symbiodinium cultures through preparation and renewal of media, counting cells, and genetic identification through cloning and sequencing. Additional duties are snorkeling for ecological surveys and coral sample collection, coral spawning, light and seawater chemistry monitoring. There is also some data entry of existing literature expected for a large coral-Symbiodinium survey project.

**NEW ZEALAND:** Zealandia: The Karori Sanctuary. A not-for-profit charitable trust in the heart of Wellington where native forest is regenerating and reintroduced wildlife are breeding again. Intern tasks include day-to-day and infrastructure development, assisting with tree removal, scheduled and emergency pest control operations, checking timber and potting mix to ensure no accidental introduction of animal or plant pest, and assisting with flora and fauna restoration.

**SOUTH AFRICA:** The farm is located on the Wild Coast and applies techniques of biodynamic and astrological farming to rehabilitate Mpetukop Farm, its soil and its unique ecosystem. In keeping with these goals, there are both animals and plants on the land, and they are rotated, creating a mutually beneficial ecosystem which supports a diversity of species, with the aim of improving the soil for future generations.

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