

Antenna Foundation is engaged in the scientific research, development and dissemination of innovative and accessible scientific, technological and economic solutions, which meet the basic needs of the most disadvantaged.

The foundation is opening the following position

Internship in Guinea Agricultural Scientist in Agroecology

start August-September 2021 or April-Mai 2022

The Foundation's "AgroEcology" Unit is developing sustainable agricultural production systems for different regions of Africa. The systems provide the most diversified and complete production possible, with the aim of producing as much as possible on these small areas (1 to 5 ha) and allow food self-sufficiency. They produce vegetables, fruits, cereals, legumes and tubers, and animals are raised there as well. These animals must provide the necessary manure and pest control is done without the use of synthetic pesticides. For the experimentation and dissemination of these model production systems, agroecological didactic farms (0.5 - 5 ha) are established in partnership with local training institutes. To date, we have installed 3 farms of this type: in Burkina Faso, Cameroon and Mali.

Starting in June 2021, the Foundation is setting up a new farm of 5 ha in the hills of the Foutah Djallon in Guinea. The new farm is located at an altitude of 1100 m in Pita, and the project aims at setting up 10 sister farms in the region.

Internship tasks

The intern will be introduced to our team and our project for one week at the Foundation's headquarters in Geneva.

He/she will then travel to Guinea for at least 3.5 months to assist the local team in the establishment of the didactic farm. He will give a technical support and help with the practical activities. He will furthermore coordinate the activities between the local team and the headquarters in Geneva. The intern will live at the headquarters of the local partner, the association Solidarité Suisse Guinée.

The minimum duration of the internship is 4 months.

Requirements

- Bachelor in Agricultural Sciences
- Knowledge in Agroecology and Organic Farming.
- Willingness and motivation to live in rural areas of Africa
- Experience in Tropical Countries
- French Knowledge

We offer:

A pleasant, committed and multicultural workplace, a useful experience for study and career, as well as the opportunity for an exciting stay in a tropical country, within a structured context with our local team.

Further Information and Application :

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