

Expression of interest

Dear Laura,

My name is Bruna Campos and I would like to express my interest in the volunteering position as a Sloth technician in Costa Rica. I have just graduated in Biology at the University of São Paulo, Brazil and I have been searching for opportunities to refine and improve my knowledge in conservation biology and I believe that I am the perfect candidate for this position.

During my undergraduate studies, I gained much experience working on various projects in collaboration with other researchers. Much of my experience is in human-modified landscapes, helping to conserve wildlife within fragmented areas. In this field, my most relevant project was my dissertation, where I analysed the diversity, distribution patterns and population density of medium to large mammals within a silvicultural landscape which showed the importance of native vegetation patches as they improve the ecosystem complexity and quality. Consequently, now I would like to gain more experience in conservation work inside protected areas. Since Manuel Antonio Park is composed of Tropical Forest, which also covers much of Brazil, this opportunity would give me knowledge that I could also apply to my country and, at the same time, learn about other people's culture.

I consider myself as a responsible and determined person, with a strong work ethic. I learn fast, I am proactive, dedicated and punctual. I really enjoy being outside and have good experience bushwalking and doing field research. Further, I have experience working on environmental education, especially with children. Moreover, my year abroad in Australia and the internships allowed me to learn how to live and work together with other cultures.

I have been searching for opportunities to work in the field of conservation biology, especially with the conservation of mammals. Costa Rica has amazing biodiversity and beautiful landscapes and I believe this to be an amazing opportunity. My main interest is to follow my career in ecology, especially on wildlife management and to do so, I believe this volunteer program would help me to expand my ideas on conservation in practice. I am willing to start any time after January 5th and volunteer for at least six months.

Regards,

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