

PLACEMENT OFFER

EMPLOYER INFORMATION	
Name of organization	Mammal Research Institute (MRI) Polish Academy of Sciences in Białowieża
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Website	http://www.ibs.bialowieza.pl
Size of enterprise [nr of employees]: small (≤ 50), medium (51-250), large (> 250)	small
Year of foundation	1952
Short Description of the Company	The Mammal Research Institute of the Polish Academy of Sciences is a research institution located in the heart of Europe's best preserved lowland forest - Białowieża Primeval Forest. The mission of the Institute is to acquire, advance, and disseminate knowledge of the natural patterns and processes in order to improve the basis for effective nature conservation activities and sustainable development.
Other	To learn more about Białowieża Forest please visit: http://www.krainazubra.pl/turystyka.html and http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/33

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Department / Function	Research Unit Ecophysiology and Behavioral Ecology/ Field/Laboratory Assistant with possibility to conduct master research
Description of activities	<p>The project aims to find out what is the role of sociality in male particoloured bats, it is based on combination of field observations and lab experiments.</p> <p>This internship position is predominately field based. Interns will work together with a bat crew of MRI as assistants at field work, by helping with roost search, bat catching and measurement, radio telemetry, observing bats with cameras etc. Possibly, students will also help in the lab experiments, assist in measuring body conditions, metabolic rate, skin temperature, testosterone level as well as observing animal behaviours. Students will also participate in taking care of experimental animals. Interns will be able to take part in scientific seminars organized by the Institute.</p> <p><u>There is a possibility to conduct research for master thesis within the internship.</u></p>
Duration	18 th May 2015 to 14 th August 2015
Working hours / Weekly working hours	40 h per week 9 am – 5 pm or 4 pm – 12 am
City	Białowieża
Help with finding accommodation	yes
Financial contribution	Self funded
Other	Interns will receive training in bat research methods. We will provide short course in bats identification, radio telemetry, roost search, audio recording etc.

REQUIREMENTS	
Oral and written language skills	Fluency in English
Field of study	Life sciences student (biology, conservation, ecology etc.)
Computer skills	Experience using GIS software
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Experience in field work connected with wildlife biology - Good physical condition - Willingness to work during the night remote outdoor locations under challenging weather conditions - Availability to work on weekends, with potential for regular weekend work