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SANPARKS Internship Program 2026/27 New Hiring

Description

The South African National Parks (SANPARKS) Internship Program offers dynamic and motivated individuals the opportunity to gain practical work experience within the field of conservation and environmental management. The program aims to provide interns with valuable skills and knowledge while contributing to the conservation efforts of South Africa's diverse and unique natural heritage.

Responsibilities

- Assist in conducting research and data collection related to wildlife conservation, ecological management, and biodiversity monitoring.
- Support the implementation of conservation projects, including habitat restoration, alien plant control, and wildlife management.
- Contribute to environmental education and awareness programs, both within local communities and park visitors.
- Assist with the development and implementation of sustainable tourism initiatives to promote responsible visitor management.
- Collaborate with park staff and external stakeholders in the planning and execution of conservation activities and events.
- Participate in fieldwork, which may involve hiking, camping, and working in various weather conditions.
- Analyze and interpret collected data, prepare reports, and make recommendations based on findings.
- Stay updated with relevant conservation policies, laws, and regulations to ensure compliance in all activities.
- Contribute to the maintenance and improvement of park infrastructure, including trails, facilities, and signage.
- Engage in continuous learning and professional development opportunities provided by SANPARKS.

Qualifications

- A bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification in a relevant field such as conservation, environmental science, ecology, wildlife management, or a related discipline (depending on the specific internship program).
- Strong interest in conservation and environmental issues, with a genuine passion for protecting South Africa's natural heritage.
- Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written, with the ability to effectively interact with diverse stakeholders.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently as well as part of a team, with a proactive and results-oriented approach.
- Proficiency in using computer software and technology for data analysis, reporting, and presentation purposes.
- Physical fitness and willingness to work in challenging outdoor environments, including remote areas and adverse weather conditions.
- Valid driver's license (some programs may require additional driving endorsements or experience).

Hiring organization
SANPARKS

Employment Type
Intern

Duration of employment
3 Months

Industry

Leisure, &&&&&&& Travel
Tourism

Job Location
Polokwane, Limpopo, South Africa,
0699, Polokwane, Limpopo, South
Africa

Working Hours

Date posted
May 4, 2026

Valid through
05.10.2028

- Knowledge of South African flora and fauna, conservation principles, and ecological processes is advantageous.

Job Benefits

- **Learning and Development:** SANPARKS internships provide valuable hands-on experience and practical skills development in the field of conservation and environmental management. Interns have the opportunity to work alongside experienced professionals and gain exposure to various aspects of park operations.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Internships with SANPARKS allow interns to build professional relationships with experts in the conservation industry. This networking can be beneficial for future career opportunities and mentorship.
- **Stipend or Allowance:** In some cases, SANPARKS may provide interns with a stipend or allowance to help cover living expenses during the internship period. The specific details and amount of the stipend may vary depending on the program.
- **Accommodation and Meals:** Depending on the internship program, SANPARKS may provide accommodation and meals for interns during their placement. This can help alleviate the financial burden associated with finding accommodation and food.
- **Exposure to South Africa's Natural Heritage:** Interns have the opportunity to work in some of South Africa's most renowned national parks, gaining first-hand experience of the country's diverse wildlife, ecosystems, and natural beauty.
- **Professional References:** Successful completion of an internship with SANPARKS can provide interns with credible references for future employment opportunities or further education.
- **Personal and Professional Growth:** Internships with SANPARKS offer a challenging and dynamic work environment, allowing interns to develop key skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, and communication. They also provide a platform for personal growth and self-discovery.

Contacts

The application process for SANPARKS Internship Program may vary depending on the specific internship opportunity. Interested candidates are advised to visit the SANPARKS official website (www.sanparks.org) or their designated recruitment platform for detailed information on available internships and application procedures. Applications typically require submission of a comprehensive CV, a cover letter, academic transcripts, and any other specified documents.