**Project Development Internship with Planet Madagascar**

Facilitated by the University of Guelph **One Health Student Committee**

## What is Planet Madagascar?

Planet Madagascar is a Guelph Not-For-Profit organization that works with people in Madagascar to help build sustainable forest communities in areas where people and lemurs live in connection. Our projects include conservation programs (fire management, forest restoration, and lemur monitoring), community programs (sustainable agriculture, beekeeping, and small business enterprises), and communication programs (awareness campaigns and conservation education).

## What does this internship involve?

* Research grants/funding opportunities that Planet Madagascar could apply for
* Create grant/funding database
* Create grant/funding calendar
* Identifying future project opportunities based on the existing strengths of Planet Madagascar
* Co-develop future projects with Planet Madagascar team
* Apply for selected grants/funding opportunities in conjunction with Planet Madagascar team
* Research best practices for project implementation
* Work on developing best practices document for project implementation.
* Frequent communication with mentor to achieve timely goals
* Connecting with a One Health Student Committee (OHSC) representative to check-in and share your experience on OHSC social media (mid-way, end of contract)
* Completing a survey to offer feedback on the internship experience during check-in

## When is the internship?

* January 4-May 4th, 2021 (4 months with possibility for extension)
* 8 hours/week

## Who is your Mentor?

Travis Steffens, PhD is the founder and Executive Director of Planet Madagascar and an Assistant Professor at the University of Guelph. Travis is a passionate conservationist that leverages his research in primate conservation biogeography and One Health approaches to develop a holistic applied conservation/development program in Madagascar.

## Required Qualifications

* Reliable
* Creative
* Focussed and detail-orientated
* Positive attitude
* Ability to work very independently but within a team when necessary
* Experience doing research (professional experience not required)
* Knowledge of Microsoft Office applications
* Strong communication (written and oral) skills
* Experience or education in any one of the following: Conservation, International Development, One Health, Education, Biology, Anthropology

## Recommended Qualifications:

* Upper year undergraduate or graduate student
* Knowledge of the non-profit funding landscape
* Experience finding and applying for scholarships or grants

## How to Apply:

Send the following to [info@planetmadagascar.org](mailto:info@planetmadagascar.org) with the subject line: “Project Development Internship Application” by November 30th, 2020:

* Letter of Intent (maximum one page) which covers:
  + Why do you want this internship?
  + What you do you want to get out of this internship?
  + What can you do to contribute to Planet Madagascar during your internship?
  + What are your career aspirations?
* Curriculum vitae
* Contact information (name, email, and phone number) for two persons (professional references) that can directly speak to the information you provide in your Letter of Intent and Curriculum vitae. You are not required to provide letter of references.