



Job Title: Research Intern **Location:** Moshi, Tanzania **Compensation:** 786,000 TZS per month

Duration: 7.5 hours a day, 5 days a week for 3 months (20th September - 20th December 2023).

Applications Open: August 15th, 2023 **Application Deadline:** August 29th, 2023 (12pm EAT)

Application Criteria

This opportunity is open to indigenous Africans aged between 18-35 years. We especially encourage applications from those underrepresented within the conservation and wildlife filmmaking sectors, including anyone who identifies as neurodiverse, those living with a long-term disability and members of indigenous tribes or communities.

Candidates must also meet the following criteria;

- Fluent in Swahili and proficient in at least one additional East African indigenous language
- Passionate about wildlife conservation, wildlife behavior, community representation, and preserving indigenous knowledge

About AFRISOS

AFRISOS (African School of Storytelling) is an NGO registered in 2020 that provides all-expenses-paid opportunities to aspiring filmmakers and photographers in Africa through hands-on mentorship programs, online tutorials, and storytelling grants. Our mission is to empower grassroots voices to tell authentic stories that will make a positive social and environmental impact.

Job Summary

As a Researcher with Indigenous Knowledge, you will play a crucial role in identifying and sharing compelling stories with regards to Wildlife Behavior, Conservation & voices of indigenous Communities in East Africa. Your work will involve conducting formal research on wildlife patterns & wildlife conservation methodology as well as engaging local communities to build trust and document their narratives. This internship offers an exciting opportunity to

contribute to the promotion of indigenous culture and wildlife conservation while working with diverse communities and documenting wildlife behaviours.

Responsibilities

1. **Undertake Research:** Conduct in-depth research on various topics related to wildlife behaviours, wildlife conservation and local communities. Organize and present research findings in a structured and coherent manner.
2. **Study Wildlife & Communities:** Apply your knowledge of wildlife behaviours & local communities to enrich the understanding of community interactions with the environment and animals.
3. **Community Engagement:** Initiate and maintain positive relationships with various communities in East Africa through conducting interviews and gathering information. Act as a liaison between AFRISOS and these communities to ensure their voices are heard and their story is developed in a participatory manner, rather than an extractive one
4. **Documentation & Story Development:** Identify and research compelling stories that showcase the unique perspectives, struggles, and achievements of the targeted communities. Accurately document findings and experiences to preserve their cultural heritage in the manner that they would deem accurate.
5. **Program Ideation:** Collaborate with the team & respective communities to conceptualize potential programs that address not only Wildlife Behavior & conservation but also represent the aspirations of the communities around them, based on the documented insights.
6. **Filming (Optional):** If trained in filming or possess a keen interest in it, contribute to capturing visual elements to enhance the storytelling process.
7. **Anthropological Background (Optional):** If you have an anthropology background, leverage your expertise to provide cultural insights and ensure ethical considerations in research and storytelling.

Requirements

- Strong research skills with an emphasis on organization and accurate documentation.

- Demonstrated ability to conduct research with previous experience producing actionable research, for educational or professional purposes. The ideal candidate should have experience conducting studies on complex subjects pertaining to Wildlife, Conservation, Indigenous Communities.
- Knowledge of wildlife behaviours, demonstrating an understanding of the ecological context.
- Language Proficiency in Swahili and indigenous languages around East Africa to effectively communicate with community.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills to establish strong connections with communities and team members.
- Training or an interest in filming and storytelling techniques is advantageous.
- Background in anthropology is advantageous, contributing to culturally sensitive approaches.

Qualifications

- Passion for wildlife conservation, wildlife behavior, community representation, and preserving indigenous knowledge.
- Bachelor's degree in a relevant field (e.g., Wildlife Behavior, Wildlife Conservation, Anthropology, Indigenous Cultures, Social Sciences, Communications) OR currently pursuing a degree in these fields is desirable but not a requirement.
- Previous experience working with communities or NGOs in East Africa is desirable but not mandatory.

Note: This internship provides an opportunity for personal and professional growth in the fields of research, community engagement, and cultural preservation. The selected intern will receive guidance and mentorship throughout the internship duration.

To apply for this opportunity, [please complete this form](#) and upload a copy of your CV before **12pm EAT Tuesday 29th August 2023**. For further information: georgia.torres@wildscreen.org.uk

Interviews are expected to take place the week commencing week of September 4th September with a final decision communicated the same week. The start date for this position is Wednesday 20th September.