



BFREE

Belize Foundation *for* Research & Environmental Education

The **BFREE Science and Education Fellowship Program** is a two-year commitment which offers training and research opportunities to recent graduates of Universities and Junior Colleges in Belize. First-year Fellows will work one-on-one with assigned Mentors at the BFREE Field Station. Second-year Fellows will take on the role of Mentor to help guide incoming program participants. Candidates must have completed a degree at the Junior College or University level, have a strong interest in the conservation of Belize's natural resources, be committed to a strict work program in a remote rainforest environment, and have strong references from their academic advisors. This is a full-time position (Monday – Friday, some weekend work is required). Fellows receive room and board and a monthly salary. Fellows report to the Deputy Director and work with other BFREE staff as assigned.

Eligibility

To be considered for the BFREE Science and Education Fellowship Program, candidates must:

- Be citizens of Belize
- Be fluent in English
- Have completed junior college or higher
- Be in the early stage of their career, with some volunteer and practical experience

BFREE selects candidates based on their academic achievements, level of scientific competence, aptitude for conservation, leadership potential, likelihood of bringing back new ideas to their community, and flexibility and aptitude for success in a cross-cultural and ever-changing environment.

Application Requirements

Candidates must apply via email. The following information will be required:

- Letter of interest and description of relevant experience
- Signed approval from graduating institution
- Two letters of recommendation
- Official copy of transcript for college/university degree received
- Copy of social security card

Responsibilities

Fellows will be assigned a combination of administrative and field tasks that will vary based on the needs of the field station at that time. Duties will likely include:

- I. Hicatee Conservation and Research Center (HCRC) (primary responsibility)
 - Assist in the daily activities at the Hicatee Conservation and Research Center including feeding, health checks and data collection.
 - Assist in the creation of a monthly mini-report on the activities of the HCRC.
 - Create a short description of the importance of the Hicatee Pledge to be presented to student groups and other visitors to the HCRC.
- II. Field Courses

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- Maintain the equipment and associated materials for each BFREE Curriculum Packet utilized by Student Groups
- Present the Curriculum Packet projects to students and answer questions relating to the packets; accompany groups during their implementation of the projects
- Be available to answer general questions for students throughout their time at BFREE.
- Submit a Field Course mini-report for each group utilizing the field station this will include at least one student interview and photographs

III. Hospitality

- Welcome all guests and groups. Be available as a resource to them.
- Help orient new interns and trainees by providing background information about BFREE and describing all of the facilities and our purpose.

IV. Administrative

- Weekly meeting with US Program Coordinator to provide information about happenings around the field station to be used for social media and other types of public relations
- Submit photos and information relating to field station people and activities
- Organize and maintain BFREE's library of books and articles
- Other types of reporting and materials development as assigned

V. Flora and Fauna

- Develop skills as a BFREE naturalist; learning the plants and wildlife of the area.
- Learn about the contents of BFREE's library and its resources.
- Encourage guests to document their sightings in the wildlife log and on eBirds etc.
- Participate in and lead night hikes to look for wildlife and other activities to encourage exploration of the natural world.

VI. Independent Research Project

- Investigate potential research projects under guidance of Staff Mentor
- Develop and implement long-term research project
- Submit regular progress reports and final written report

Applications and inquiries should be emailed to Heather Barrett, hbarrett@bfreebz.org. The deadline for 2019 applications is 21 January.

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