

JOB OPENING: BFREE Wildlife Education Fellow – part-time, remote

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

A part-time position in the BFREE Fellowship Program is now available. The current opening is for a **Wildlife Education Fellow** assigned to help raise awareness of BFREE's conservation program to protect and preserve wildlife and habitats including the program to conserve the critically endangered Hicatee turtle and the cacao agroforestry program.

The **BFREE Science and Education Fellows Program** is a two-year immersive work-training opportunity for recent Belizean junior college and college graduates who exhibit leadership potential combined with a clear interest in the conservation of the country's natural resources.

Compensation and Schedule:

During most of the year, part-time Fellows will work remotely from home or at nearby schools doing outreach for 16 – 20 hours per week. Fellows are compensated with competitive pay, social security contributions and earned vacation. On some occasions there may be opportunities to work at the BFREE Field Station, at those times, Fellows receive their regular wages, plus room and board are provided. Transportation to and from BFREE is at the Fellows' own expense.

Eligibility:

To qualify for the role of Wildlife Education Fellow, candidates must have completed their associate or bachelor's degree. In some cases, the Fellow may still be enrolled in classes. Candidates must also have a strong interest in the conservation of Belize's natural resources, be committed to the task of outreach messaging and have strong references from their academic advisors and past employers.

Successful candidates must:

- Be citizens of Belize
- Be fluent in English
- Have completed (or will soon complete) junior college or bachelor's program
- Have an interest in becoming a leader in conservation efforts for Belize
- Have a strong interest in wildlife and be willing to learn to handle and care for turtles
- Self-discipline is a must in this role. Ability to work independently and create timelines and systems for accomplishing individual tasks is required.

This is a competitive application process. 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.

Core Responsibilities:

Primary duties are conducted remotely from home or in areas where outreach may occur.

Outreach

- Collaborate with other BFREE staff and volunteers on the development and implementation of BFREE's outreach opportunities like school visits, workshops, events and annual campaigns.
- Participate along with BFREE staff and members of the Hicatee Awareness Month committee to update goals, materials, themes, and key messages and use those to create a communications plan for October that includes broadening to reach an adult audience in our target communities.
- Collaborate on the development of an outreach toolkit/ BFREE materials to be used during tabling and outreach events
- Identify opportunities to engage university and college peers in outreach planning and events
- Identify opportunities for BFREE to participate in conservation and education events throughout Belize

Evaluation

- Use existing survey tools to evaluate Hicatee Awareness Month's and other outreach programs effectiveness utilizing existing survey resources.
- Explore other types of survey tools to better understand the challenges and successes of BFREE's outreach programs.

Communications

- Contribute ideas and content to social media strategies and campaigns to include educational materials related to wildlife conservation and habitat protection.
- Create and submit content for social media posts regarding outreach including text posts, videos, and images.
- Work with Outreach Coordinator to develop content and circulate newsletter for Belizean teachers focusing on conservation work by BFREE and Belize's wildlife and natural resources

Other tasks

- Participate in research and husbandry activities taking place at BFREE for the purpose of supporting the work and gathering and producing content for awareness materials and outreach. These may include: the bi-annual Hicatee Health Assessments, annual freshwater turtle survey of the property, and workshops
- Identify professional conferences and meetings that are appropriate for BFREE to make presentations in order to gain wider recognition