



Micronesia Challenge Young Champion Program

Internship Goals

1. To build the next generation of conservation leaders (Champions) in Micronesia
2. To promote the goals of the MC and PANs to every resident of the region

Champions will be responsible for:

1. Participating in the development of a robust and exciting region-wide outreach and awareness program (i.e. social marketing) to promote the goals and gain local support and participation for the Micronesia Challenge and the Protected Areas Network;
2. Participating in regular, informal local and regional-level consultations and projects to help gain consensus on implementation of the Challenge;
3. Participating in a uniquely designed professional development program to advance their conservation and leadership skills;
4. Documenting and sharing lessons learned from the process in each of the island jurisdictions to perpetuate adaptive learning, improved site conservation and to challenge other regions to develop protected areas networks and/or similar initiatives to the Challenge.

The Micronesia Challenge

Recognizing the growing threats to Micronesia's natural resources, the region's heads of government launched the Micronesia Challenge, which aims to effectively conserve 30% of near-shore marine resources and 20% of terrestrial resources by 2020. This ambitious challenge far exceeds current goals set by international conventions and treaties, which call for countries to conserve 10% of marine and terrestrial resources by 2012. The challenge also emphasizes the need for Micronesian leaders, conservation practitioners, private partners and local communities to work together at the regional level to confront environmental and sustainable development issues.

The Protected Areas Network (PANs's) and Conservation "Champions"

In order to assist with the implementation of resilient networks of protected areas and other effective conservation strategies toward achieving the goals set by the Micronesia Challenge, we are seeking to place and support conservation "champions" in each of the five (5) island jurisdictions to assist with outreach and education of the Micronesia Challenge (MC). This includes coordination with the MC Coordinator, MC Communications Specialist, the MC Focal Points, PAN Coordinators, and all MC partners. These champions will be housed in focal point

organizations or agencies within each island jurisdiction. The mentors will assist the champions in developing professional development plans.

Micronesia Challenge Outreach and Education Program

The success of the Micronesia Challenge will depend highly on the support of all of Micronesia's residents and the participation of key groups. The MC Champions will lead the design and implementation of a vibrant and comprehensive MC Outreach and Education Program that will bring the Micronesia Challenge message to every home in Micronesia and will gain the participation of key groups around the region.

Selection of Applicants

Candidates will be evaluated based on their Letter of Interest, Letters of Support/References and through individual interviews with applicants.

1. Must be a citizen and/or permanent resident of Micronesia;
2. Must be a self starter and requires minimum supervision;
3. Must be currently enrolled in a college/university and/or recent college graduate;
4. Must be between the ages of 17-25;
5. Must be passionate about and dedicated to ensuring the well being of Micronesians and its unique and vital natural landscapes and resources;
6. Must be able to coordinate and speak at public forums and community meetings; and
7. Must be willing to travel, attend designed workshops for this internship and other relevant learning exchanges.

PREFERRED ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

- Excellent command of both written and spoken local language of his/her island jurisdiction;
- Excellent command of both written and spoken English;
- Comfortable with MS Office programs (e.g. Word, Powerpoint, Excel etc.)

Each Champion will receive **\$5,000** to cover costs of MC related activities and tuition. In addition, the Champion will be provided with a laptop and funded travel for workshops/trainings subject to the availability of funding.

Applicants must submit the following:

1. A Letter of Interest (LOI) explaining why the candidate wants to participate in the internship, why they feel they are the best candidate for this internship and how this internship is going to help them advance their studies and future career(s). LOIs **should not** exceed 1 page.
2. A support letter from an instructor/advisor.
3. Resume' or Curriculum Vitae (CV)
4. List of 3 references and their contact information (telephone number or email)

5. Copy of birth certificate or passport (proof of citizenship)
6. Proof of enrollment (current date copy of course schedule)

Applications may be emailed or dropped off to:

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