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GLF Internship Program (Ref. No. 2461)
Global Landscapes Forum (GLF) Team

The Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) and World Agroforestry (ICRAF) envision a more equitable world where trees in all landscapes, from drylands to the humid tropics, enhance the environment and well-being for all. CIFOR and ICRAF are non-profit science institutions that build and apply evidence to today's most pressing challenges, including energy insecurity and the climate and biodiversity crises. Over a combined total of 65 years, we have built vast knowledge on forests and trees outside of forests in agricultural landscapes (agroforestry). Using a multidisciplinary approach, we seek to improve lives and to protect and restore ecosystems. Our work focuses on innovative research, partnering for impact, and engaging with stakeholders on policies and practices to benefit people and the planet. Founded in 1993 and 1978, CIFOR and ICRAF are members of CGIAR, a global research partnership for a food secure future dedicated to reducing poverty, enhancing food and nutrition security, and improving natural resources.

CIFOR-ICRAF is looking for a:
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Overview

The Global Landscapes Forum (GLF) was first launched in 2013 by CIFOR-ICRAF with core partners including UNEP, the World Bank, and the Government of Germany. Meaningful engagement of youth and other typically marginalised stakeholders was a cornerstone of GLF's operation from the beginning.

Today, the GLF - with 35 of the world's leading development and environmental organisations engaged as Charter Members - has become the world's largest knowledge led forum on sustainable land use, restoration and integrated landscape management, dedicated to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030, the Paris Climate Agreement and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. Since its inception in 2013, the GLF has connected more than 25,000 organisations, 1.3 million youth, 100 governments and millions engaged from 185 countries, while cumulatively reaching more than 2.9 billion people through social and traditional media.

Building on a decade of successful conferencing during which we achieved the mainstreaming of the landscape approach, the GLF has evolved to three workstream pillars that support decentralised local action towards ecosystem restoration and sustainable development. These include: 1) Accelerating Community Action and Strengthening Youth Leadership through the GLFx chapter network, Restoration Stewards and Youth in Landscapes Initiative (YIL); 2) Scaling Landscape Action through i) Learning (Landscape Academy) and ii) Sustainable Finance; 3) Growing the Global Movement through digital transformation, encompassing innovative digital communications, events and campaigns.

GLF is a place where a farmer can inform action, pathways, and policies; where international organisations can learn from the private sector and vice versa; and where CEOs, community leaders, communicators and scientists can share, learn, connect, and act together.

From building the investment case for sustainable landscapes, to conserving and restoring peatlands, to supporting restoration in Africa, GLF has been at the cutting edge in hosting and facilitating all manner of discussions to accelerate positive action for people, for the environment, and for the achievement of global climate and SDGs.

Summary of responsibilities

The primary objective of the Global Landscapes Forum interns is to provide support to the relevant GLF team, according to their expertise and interest. Interns tasks vary from team to team, as seen below:

- **The GLF Youth Program Team & the Youth in Landscapes Initiative (YIL):** The YIL intern will support the GLF Youth Program Team in continuing the growth of the YIL network through community building and outreach, facilitating the Restoration Stewards program and ensuring that all youth-related activities serve the broader youth community, with a strong focus on regional needs and visions. Tasks could include, but not limited to supporting with: planning for upcoming programs, setting up agendas and taking notes in meetings, creating social media content, leading teams of volunteers, research about great young professionals leading change, and much more. Apply for this internship if you have a strong interest in youth-led action and intergenerational collaboration, and if you love facilitating conversations, talking with people, and planning!
- **The GLFx Program Team:** The primary objective of the GLFx network intern is to assist the GLFx team in creating, planning, implementing and communicating opportunities for “GLFx chapters”. GLFx chapters are local organisations, partners of the GLF, who are leading restoration activities on the ground. Tasks could include, but not limited to supporting with: general planning for upcoming programs, creating social media content, building and engaging an online community, facilitating meetings, and much more. Apply for this internship if you have a strong interest in connecting with local communities, and if you love multitasking, planning, and connecting with people all over the world!
- **The GLF Communication Team:** The global GLF Digital Communications team is looking for creative, visually and digitally savvy interns to support GLF social media, media or event communications work to drive engaging campaigns on its websites, social media channels, event platform and media. Depending on the position, tasks include: ideating, creating and scheduling social media and multimedia content, supporting live event coverage, engaging with online audiences, researching best practices, and collaborating with journalists and influencers. Apply for this if you are passionate about digital storytelling, have a creative mindset, and want to gain hands-on experience in digital communications!
- **The GLF Knowledge Team:** The Knowledge intern will support the GLF Knowledge team to identify, organise and curate the latest evidence, knowledge and expertise across activities ranging from GLF hybrid and digital events, to the management of the GLF Knowledge Hub library. Tasks could include: assisting event coordination, assisting speaker engagement, organising and optimising multi-media products in the Knowledge Hub, and general planning and team coordination support. Apply for this internship if you love to research, plan and organise, want to

engage with GLF's broad range of topics, and gain insight into the workings of a growing and dynamic organisation!

Requirements

Education, knowledge and experience:

- Currently enrolled in or recently graduated from an MSc programme on Environmental Sciences, Sustainable Development, Environmental Communications, Environmental Education, Political Science Or similar field.
- Alternatively, graduate from a BSc programme with 2 years' experience (voluntary or otherwise) in the field of sustainable development, communication, communities or youth engagement.
- Great command of the English language is necessary - other languages (especially Spanish, French, Portuguese) are an asset.
- Strong organisational and communication skills.
- Experience with creating original material and content for social media and running social media campaigns is an asset.
- Experience with online engagement, youth organisations, capacity development or event management is an asset.
- Experience with WordPress, Canva and Trello is an asset.
- Experienced in and/or comfortable with remote work is an asset.

Personal attributes and competencies:

- Creative and passionate about contributing to a just and inclusive world.
- Proactive, resourceful and energetic.
- Able to find creative solutions.
- Values attention to detail, feedback and teamwork.

Terms and conditions

- This is a full-time internship position.
- We will provide compensation based on experience and location-based.
- Period of Internship is expected to be 9 months, between February 2025 – December 2025.
- Work location: home-based, preferably in CET time zone or similar, but all time zones are welcome.
- We encourage youth, young women and youth from rural, Indigenous and local communities to apply for this position.

Application process

- If you are **available to start in February-March 2025**, kindly **apply no-later than January 15th**, 2025. Otherwise, applications are accepted on a rolling basis until 30 June 2025.
- You can pick only **one team** to work with, but please state in your cover letter if you would be **open to be considered for other teams** too, and which ones.
- We will acknowledge all applications, but will only contact short-listed candidates for interviews.

Cover letter tips:

- We invite you to write cover letters no longer than **one page**
- We suggest you to not repeat the information stated in your CV, but to use the Cover letter as an opportunity to share with us **what makes you passionate, why** you would like to be selected for this position, and **how your experience can be an asset** to the team.
- We strongly encourage you **not to use AI** to create your cover letter, as it will mean the immediate disqualification of the application.
- Kindly share cover letters in **PDF**.

To apply, please visit our career site at:

<https://www.cifor-icraf.org/about/work-with-us/>

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CIFOR-ICRAF promotes Gender Diversity – Applications from women professionals are encouraged.

CIFOR-ICRAF is an equal opportunity employer. It fosters a multicultural work environment that values gender equality, teamwork, and respect for diversity.