

Internship Placement

Organization:

Research Institute for Aquaculture No. 1 (RIA-1), Bac Ninh, Hanoi, Vietnam

Address: RIA1, Bac Ninh, Hanoi, Vietnam

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1. Location and placement description

The headquarters of Research Institute of Aquaculture No. 1 (RIA No. 1) is located in Bac Ninh Province in the North of Vietnam. As a background, RIA No. 1 started as Research Station for Freshwater fish in 1963. In 1978, it was reorganized as Research Centre for Inland Aquaculture and finally got its name as such in 1983. Currently, the institute operates with 6 subordinates: Freshwater National Broodstock Centre in Hai Duong Province, Marine National Broodstock Centre in Hai Phong, Sub-institute of Aquaculture research in North Central coast in Nghe An, Centre for Fisheries Technology transfer, application and design consultancy, Centre for Environment and disease monitoring in aquaculture in the North of Vietnam and the Cold water fisheries resources research centre in Lao Cai. As of 2007, there were about 360 staffs working in RIA No. 1.

2. Project Work Description

Interns or students will be contacted and consulted upon receiving their application or letter of interest to develop activities and schedules. In general, the following work and research study can be done:

- Day to day management of RIA1 hatchery and farm
- Join field visits and assist in collection of samples
- Assist in measuring water temperatures and other water quality parameters
- Assist in stocking, moving and harvesting of fish
- Assist in breeding fish and sampling
- Help students and staff practice English for improvement
- Assist in the teaching and laboratory sessions

3. How to get there?

After arriving Hanoi International airport, arrangement will be made to be pick by RIA-1 staff, and drive directly to the RIA-1 accommodation.

4. Living conditions

RIA-1 has a guest house to be shared by 2 foreign students. If guest house is not available then students accommodation is provided free of cost. There is a canteen where most students and staff take food which costs about US\$1-2/meal.

5. Climate

The city is located in northern Vietnam the weather is cooler than in south and pleasant. There are only 2 seasons per year: Dry season from November to April and rainy season from May to October. The average temperature is about 20°C (April or May) and lowest is about 15°C (Dec or Jan).

6. Culture:

It is important to respect local culture and traditions. Cover-up dresses are required. Shoes or sandal does not matter but most of the time you will need to walk; therefore, light sport shoes/trainers will be suitable. Dress conservatively; casual clothing is suitable while working at the fish farm - T-shirts, shorts and sandals are appropriate.

7. Host will arrange:

- Guest house for accommodation
- Subsidized rate for food wherever possible
- Work space and computer and internet facilities
- Fish, labour and other materials for research, if needed
- Trips to other centers whenever staff go there

8. Interns are responsible for the followings:

- International airfare (please check with your University, may have this provision)
- Transportation from and to the airport
- Fees for visa/passport
- Food and drinks (approx. about US\$1/meal)
- Any costs of trips, trainings, and others arranged personally
- Insurance and costs of damages due to personal negligence

9. Miscellaneous

Travel medical kit, light mosquito net, insect repellent, sleeping bag, flash light, umbrella or rain coat, few books, a towel and toiletries. But do not bother if you need to buy them, they are available locally at cheap prices.

Note: you will be paired with students of our local partner institution, as far as possible.

Fotos of the Farm:

