

Internship Placement

Organization:

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1. Location

Ho Chi Minh City is a financial capital of Vietnam which is connected by international flights from Bangkok, Thailand and Siem Reap, Cambodia. The city is situated along the Saigon river and also known by its old name “Saigon”. Heavily populated liveliest town with nearly 10 million people out of which millions of motorbikes roam on the streets. It is rapidly expanding as a result peri-urban aquaculture is gradually moving outward. Many international companies producing feeds, chemicals, enzymes and others are having their local offices in this city targeting the rapidly growing aquaculture industry.

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:

- Assist in measuring water temperatures and other water quality parameters
- Assist on day to day work at the research laboratory
- Research on testing companies new products
- Assist in stocking, moving and harvesting fish
- Assist in breeding fish and sampling

3. How to get there?

After arriving Tan Son Nhat international airport, Ho Chi Minh city, you can take a taxi directly to the Nong Lam University (cost about US\$10) or call one of the persons to be assigned for airport pickup.

4. Living conditions

The University arranges a guest house or apartment nearby single or to be shared by 2 foreign students. It costs US\$ 50 per month if you live there for at least one month. If you live there for a shorter period, it will be US\$ 5 per day. Hotels are at the town and far from the farm, at a distance of 25 km. An air-condition room costs US\$ 15 per day. Each meal costs US\$ 1.5-2.0 on an average.

5. Climate

The city is located in tropical region. Therefore the weather is warm all year round. 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 27^oC (often occur in April or May) and lowest is about 20^oC (occur in December or January). The average rainfall is 1,850mm.

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 is happy to provide:

- Dormitory type accommodation at student rate
- Subsidized rate for food wherever possible
- Work space and computer and internet facilities
- Fish, labour and other materials for research, if needed

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:

