Kalahari Meerkat Project

University of Zurich and University of Cambridge

Looking for volunteers!

12-month positions starting from March 2022 onwards

More info – https://kalahariresearchcentre.org/volunteering/

The Project

The Kalahari Meerkat Project is a long-term field project investigating the ecological causes and evolutionary consequences of cooperative breeding. We are looking for volunteer field assistants to spend one year at our study site in the South African Kalahari Desert, collecting behavioural data on our habituated meerkat population.

In Return and Living on Site

We offer our volunteers extensive training in field- and data skills such as animal handling, radio-tracking, observing animals in the wild and working with databases. Accommodation and food will be provided, and we will contribute €300 towards travel expenses following successful completion of the 12-month field season. We also offer a limited number of full travel stipends for applicants from the African continent. All volunteers receive a monthly stipend to cover any additional personal expenses and a small satellite internet connection usage allowance per month.

Thinking of applying?

Successful applicants usually have a good degree in the biological sciences, interest in animal behavioural studies, and will be enthusiastic, hardworking and physically fit. As it takes some time to learn the necessary field skills, we will only consider volunteers who are able to stay for 12 months, and applicants should be in possession of a driving license. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we require new volunteers to be fully vaccinated before arrival. Depending on changes to the pandemic situation, quarantine upon arrival may be necessary and would be fully provided for in self-contained accommodation.

How to Apply

Anyone interested should visit our website (link above) for more info and details on how to apply.

Apply before 16th January 2022

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