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WE ARE HIRING

RESEARCH INTERN - VULTURINE GUINEAFOWL RESEARCH PROGRAMME

In the heart of Laikipia County, where golden savannah stretches to the horizon and the calls of over 550 bird species fill the air, lies Mpala, a living laboratory unlike any other. Here, scientists, students, and conservationists from around the world work side by side, tackling urgent global challenges, from protecting endangered species to understanding climate change, from studying human–wildlife coexistence to advancing public health.

At Mpala, research is not confined to books or screens, it is lived, breathed, and experienced in the wild. For those ready to immerse themselves in science at its source, Mpala is more than a workplace, it's a place where your work becomes part of the story of conservation.

About the Programme

The Vulturine Guineafoal Research Programme is an ongoing scientific study investigating the behavior and ecology of the vulturine guineafowl. Since 2016, the team has banded over 1,000 individuals and fitted 250 with GPS tags. With some team members moving on to postgraduate studies, we are seeking to hire a motivated Kenyan intern to join our field research team for a duration twelve (12) months

About the Role

As a Research Intern, you will assist in daily research activities, contributing to ongoing field studies and data collection. This role offers hands on experience in wildlife research and an opportunity to develop fieldwork and scientific skills while working in a collaborative environment.

Key Responsibilities

- Conduct bird census surveys and record data
- Deploy biologging tags on guineafowl
- Collect fecal samples for hormone analysis
- Assist in maintaining research equipment and records
- Work closely with other researchers and field assistants

Qualifications, Skills & Experience Required	What We Offer	How to Apply
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kenyan citizenship• Valid driving license and strong driving skills• Diploma or BSc in Biology, Environmental Sciences, or a related field• Good interpersonal skills and ability to work as part of a team• Competence in written and spoken English• Basic computer skills (emails, Excel) and willingness to learn more• Experience in wildlife research or livestock handling (bird-handling experience is an advantage)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Immersive, hands-on field research experience• Opportunity to work with an experienced international research team• Skills development in wildlife monitoring, data collection, and analysis• A supportive learning environment	<p>Email: jobs@mpala.org with a single PDF document containing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A brief introduction of yourself• A statement of motivation• Your CV• 1–2 recommendation letters• Copies of school and university certificates• Copy of your driving licence <p>Application Deadline: 27th August 2025 <i>Women are strongly encouraged to apply.</i></p>