WFA / UOK

OPPORTUNITIES FOR KENT STUDENTS (2024/25)

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INTRODUCTIONS

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Co-founder & CEO

Dr Greg Simpson
Co-founder & Director
1. 10-day intensive wildlife forensics training course + internship (min. 3 weeks, up to 2 months)

2. Summer internships (min. 4 weeks, up to 6 months) + WFA course

3. Year in Professional Practice/Industry + WFA course
1. Kent-exclusive wildlife forensics training course + internship

- Hosted @ WFA, Buffelsfontein Nature Reserve, Cape Town, South Africa
- 10-day intensive course
- Course will introduce you to wildlife forensics and provide you with the opportunity to learn and apply forensic skills in the context of varied wildlife crime scenes, and how collected evidence is analysed and ultimately presented in court
- Followed by unpaid internship @ partner of choice, min. 3 weeks, up to 2 months
- Dates:
  - 16-26 June 2024
  - 14-24 July 2024
- Cost: £1,250
  - Incl. local transport, meals, on-site accommodation, all activities, and local trips
  - Excl. flights & subsistence during internship
2. Summer internships + WFA course

- Co-hosted @ WFA, Buffelsfontein Nature Reserve, Cape Town, South Africa & partner of your choice
- Min. 4 weeks
- Wide range of partners to choose from
- Internship is unpaid
- Must also complete one of the WFA’s existing course offerings

- Cost: £700 admin fee + flights & internship subsistence + cost of WFA course of your choice
  - Admin fee incl. local transport to/from WFA, management of internship, and local support
3. Year in Professional Practice

- Co-hosted @ WFA, Buffelsfontein Nature Reserve, Cape Town, South Africa & partner of your choice
- Min. 19 weeks
- Wide range of partners to choose from; you can choose more than one for a wider range of experience
- Internships are often unpaid
- Kent fee for YIPP is often considerably lower than conventional fees (<£2,000)
- Must also complete one of the WFA’s existing course offerings

- Cost: Kent fee + £700 WFA admin fee + flights & internship subsistence + cost of WFA course
  - Admin fee incl. local transport to/from WFA, management of internship, and local support
FUNDING YOUR TRIP

- Up to £1,745 available through Turing Funding (depending on meeting qualification criteria) via International Partnerships Office
- Funding requires minimum duration abroad of 28 days
- More funding available for longer trips!!

- Who to contact? Jan Lowe (International Partnerships Officer) - J.Lowe@kent.ac.uk or Kent International Partnerships Office - studyabroad@kent.ac.uk
3. A UNIQUE COURSE

With the WFA Planetary Health Masterclass!

- A unique course with a multidisciplinary approach to solving wicked problems in wildlife crime through global health, forensics, law, business and leadership
- Cooperation and education are key! → inspire, create compassion and awareness.
- Students and professionals from different disciplines related to some of the biggest problems of wildlife crime:
  1. Forensic students/professionals
  2. Medical students/professionals
  3. Law students/professionals
  4. Business & leadership students/professionals
- Pilot: 13-26 October @ the WFA
SNEAK PEAK: WFA PLANENTARY HEALTH MASTERCLASS

1. Online (2 weeks)
   - Introduction to wildlife crime
   - WFA e-learning
   - Online, self-paced content split into four streams:
     - Forensics
     - Zoonotic diseases
     - Law
     - Business & Leadership

(All students have to complete the content for all streams)

Content for each stream comprises:
- 10min video introduction to stream
- 30min podcast interview with stream lead
- Selection of relevant historical and contemporary literature (academic, grey, and popular) exploring themes within stream
- Series of short assessments to formatively test and reinforce knowledge gained

2. WFA (2 weeks)

DAY 1 – Welcome + programme orientation: defining the students’ roles, goals and learning objectives for the masterclass, with specific introduction to “wicked problems” in wildlife crime.

DAY 2 – Introduction to the WFA and links to Zoonotic Diseases, Law, Society, Leadership, and Business

DAY 3-5 – Focus on poaching (Day 3 = Mammals, Day 4 = Marine wildlife, Day 5 = Plants).

DAY 6 – The Forensic Approach to Poaching and Wildlife Crime: Masterclass Case

DAY 7-9 – Zoonoses, wildlife crime, and the role & influence of business

DAY 10 – Society and Culture in Wildlife Crime and Illegal Wildlife Trade

DAY 11-12 – Masterclass Case Focus

DAY 13 – Presentations

DAY 14 – Reflection, feedback, and head home

Incl. field trips
3.1 CURRICULUM DESIGN

Masterclass Case Focus – a closer look

Day 11 (AM) – Crime Scene Investigation / Forensic Stream
• Forensic stream-led walkthrough of a typical wildlife crime scene.

Day 11 (PM) – Courtroom-based trial / Law Stream
• Law stream-led walkthrough of prosecution process.

Day 12 (AM) – Lab-based evaluation of zoonotic risks / Zoonotic Stream
• Medical-stream led exploration of medical risks (to humans & animals) associated with different types of wildlife crime.

Day 12 (PM) – Rec area-based discussion of big picture / Business & Leadership Stream
• A business & leadership stream-led critical discussion of the big-picture issues surrounding wildlife crime.
SO, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? – SIGN UP HERE!