

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY – SMITHSONIAN CONSERVATION BIOLOGY INSTITUTE

Front Royal, Virginia

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 31st March 2015

PROGRAM DURATION: 3 months

PROGRAM DATES: Tentative start date May 2015

PROJECT DESCRIPTION & REQUIREMENTS:

The intern will assist in acquiring and processing landcover datasets to quantify changes in Asian ecosystems, in order to relate them to the distribution and demographic dynamics of an endangered terrestrial mammal. Programming ability, demonstrated prior experience with spatial datasets, and visualization/analysis software such as R-based packages are strongly preferred. Additional prior experience with demographic analysis tools are a plus.

GENERAL INFORMATION: One or more applicants will be selected to conduct research under the supervision of an SCBI scientist. Interns will work closely with their research mentor, becoming an integral participant in the scientist's larger research agenda. Additionally, interns will be encouraged to reflect on the conceptual and research implications of the work at hand so that they may maximize their understanding of a particular subject area.

ELIGIBILITY: Undergraduates, recent graduates (post-bachelor's) and early-stage graduate students. US citizenship or residency is not required, however foreign students will need to cover own air travel, visa or other extraneous expenses. Note that applicants requiring a visa will need to allow for processing time and this could delay starting.

AWARD: Includes a monthly stipend of \$600 US plus on site accommodation. This internship does not include any travel or research allowances.

TO APPLY: Please submit a statement of interest along with CV, a sample of prior work, and two letters of reference to Shermin de Silva, <<mailto:shermin@trunksnleaves.org>>shermin@trunksnleaves.org