

Externship Notice

Location:

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Organization information:

Founded in 1977, the Jane Goodall Institute continues Dr. Goodall's pioneering research of chimpanzee behavior – research that transformed scientific perceptions of the relationship between humans and animals. Today, the Institute is a global leader in the effort to protect chimpanzees and their habitats. It also is widely recognized for establishing innovative community-centered conservation and development programs in Africa, and the Roots and Shoots youth education program, which has groups of all ages (pre-K through college) in more than 95 countries.

Supervisor:

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Vice President, Public Policy
JD '83 University of Virginia School of Law
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Potential projects:

African Forests and Biofuels: Research the impact of biofuels production on tropical forests and the debate over the use of sustainable agro-forestry techniques to produce biofuels, including proposals in the European Union for mandatory certification of biofuels practices. Analyze the potential for similar or better laws in the U.S. to prevent U.S. energy companies from destroying African forests for purposes of planting biofuels-related crops.

U.S. Conservation Assistance to Africa: Research existing laws that govern U.S. assistance to Africa for purposes of habitat and species conservation. Analyze the effectiveness of the system, weak links, and proposals for strengthening the administrative and legislative process for providing this type of assistance to Africa. Help develop policy brief outlining broad concepts for making the system more effective.

Application information:

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