

Center for Hyper-Arid Socio-Ecology

Center for Hyper-Arid Socio-Ecology (CHASE) Coordinator Internship

The intern will be under the direct supervision of Director of the Center for Hyper-Arid Socio-Ecology, Dr. Elli Groner.

The CHASE intern will work in the Center for Hyper-Arid Socio-Ecology on several projects that are currently planned, along with other projects that may occur during the semester.

The Center for Hyper-Arid Socio-Ecology platform belongs to the Israel LTER (Long Term Ecological Research) organization, which is part of the International LTER network (<http://www.ilternet.edu/>). The prime goal of this network is to monitor and research long term ecosystems around the world. At the Arava Institute, CHASE focuses on both the regional ecology and the link between ecosystems and society using mostly the ecosystem services approach.

Qualifications

- Background in biology/geography/politics/environmental studies or Middle East studies and related topics.
- Strong organizational and time management skills.
- Affinity for outdoor work.
- Computer proficient (Microsoft Office, Excel, Word, PowerPoint).
- Pleasant and personable, hardworking, efficient, able to work under pressure and for long hours.
- Ability to work independently and to link biodiversity to management and planning.

Position Description

- Coordinating the CHASE platform including updating scientists, website, budget, arranging meetings and writing research proposals.
- Develop the CHASE platform including advancing connections with stakeholders and conservation management, forestry, council and education officials.
- Ecosystem integrity fieldwork in the Arava (Israel and Jordan) and in the Negev and developing the concept.
- Strengthen collaboration with Jordan platform.
- Developing the Arava Natural History Museum.

Conditions of Internship:

- The Institute will provide living arrangements including food, housing, health insurance and laundry services at the Arava Institute campus. The intern may be placed in a room with another Institute intern or with an Arava Institute student, living on the Institute campus.
- This is a self-funded position covering room, board, and program participation. The cost is \$1500 per month.
- The Institute will reimburse the intern for all expenses incurred due to job requirements including the use of a personal cell phone and travel expenses.
- The intern must own a laptop and have a cell phone.
- The intern will be allowed to attend special guest lectures and participate in field trips and campus life activities.
- The Social Media/PR Intern may be asked to help other interns to give assistance to other departments or staff as part of the Arava Institute staff team.
- The intern will be expected to participate in general staff meetings and certain staff activities.
- The intern may be asked to be a teaching assistant for one of the Arava Institute courses.
- The intern will be required to participate in staff office maintenance rotation (toranut)