

Internship Placement

Organization: Research Institute for Aquaculture No. 1 (RIA1)

Location: Dinh Bang - Tu Son - Bac Ninh

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1. Location and placement description

The headquarters of Research Institute of Aquaculture No. 1 (RIA No. 1) is located in Bac Ninh province in the North of Vietnam. As a background, RIA No. 1 started as Research Station for Freshwater fish in 1963. In 1978, it was reorganized as Research Centre for Inland Aquaculture and finally got its name as such in 1983. Currently, the institute operates with 2 functional departments and 9 subordinates: (i) Centre for Environment and Disease Monitoring in Aquaculture; (ii) National Freshwater Broodstocks Center; (iii) Northern National Broodstock Center for Mariculture Species; (iv) Center of Aquaculture Technology Transfer; (v) Centre of Aquaculture Biotechnology; (vi) Research Center for Coldwater Aquaculture; (vii) Aquaculture Research Sub-Institute for North Central; (viii) Tilapia Research Center; (ix) Center for Advanced Technology in Marine Aquaculture. As of 2021, there are 198 officially staffs working in RIA1.

2. Project Work Description

Interns or students will be contacted and consulted upon receiving their application or letter of interest to develop activities and schedules. In general, the following work and research study can be done:

- Day to day management of RIA1 hatchery and farm
- Join field visits and assist in collection of samples
- Assist in measuring water temperatures and other water quality parameters
- Assist in stocking, moving and harvesting of fish
- Assist in breeding fish and sampling
- Help students and staff practice English for improvement
- Assist in the teaching and laboratory sessions

3. How to get there?

After arriving Hanoi International airport, interns can travel from the airport to RIA1's headquarters by bus with a cost of nearly 50.000-60.000VND (\approx 3 USD) or by taxi with 350.000VND (15 USD)

4. Living conditions

RIA1 has a guest house to be shared by 2 foreign students. It costs about US\$ 150 – 200 per month. Or interns can hire a room in cheap hostels nearby with the same price. There is a canteen where most students and staffs take food (lunch) which costs about US\$ 5-10/meal.

5. Climate

There are four seasons in the North of Vietnam in general. It is hot in summer (June to August 30 Degree Celsius), cool in autumn (September to November, 24 degree), wet and cold in Winter and Spring (December to April with 20 degree). The average rainfall is 1,800mm.

6. Culture:

It is important to respect local culture and traditions. Cover-up dresses are required. Shoes or sandal does not matter but most of the time you will need to walk; therefore, light sport shoes/trainers will be suitable. Dress conservatively; casual clothing is suitable while working at the fish farm - T-shirts, shorts and sandals are appropriate.

7. Host will arrange:

- Guest house for accommodation
- Subsidized rate for food wherever possible
- Work space and computer and internet facilities
- Fish, labour and other materials for research, if needed
- Trips to other centers whenever staff go there

8. Interns are responsible for the followings:

- International airfare (please check with your University, may have this provision)
- Transportation from and to the airport
- Fees for visa/passport
- Food and drinks
- Any costs of trips, trainings, and others arranged personally
- Insurance and costs of damages due to personal negligence

9. Miscellaneous

Travel medical kit, light mosquito net, insect repellent, sleeping bag, flash light, umbrella or rain coat, few books, a towel and toiletries. But do not bother if you need to buy them, they are available locally at cheap prices.

Note: you will be paired with students of our local partner institution, as far as possible.