

Internship position in Kilpisjärvi Biological Station, Finland

Kilpisjärvi Biological Station offers an Erasmus+ trainee position from 1st of June to 30th of September 2026. The dates of the internship are flexible, but at least a 4-month commitment is required. Deadline for applications is 4th of February 2026.



Kilpisjärvi Biological Station is Helsinki University's northernmost field station, surrounded by wilderness and high fells. The nature in the region is unique due to the area's young geology and distinct climate affected by its northern location, altitude, and closeness to the Norwegian Sea. Kilpisjärvi is situated in the cultural region traditionally inhabited by the Sámi people, just on the border of Norway and Sweden.

Long-term monitoring forms the core of research at our station. As an intern your main task will be participating in monitoring and maintaining long term research areas and plots, collecting and handling samples, as well as data management as a part of our field team. Our long-term monitoring projects are, for example, vegetation studies, survey of cavity-nesting birds and lake Kilpisjärvi fishery research.

As an intern you will also assist visiting research groups and participate in general tasks at the station when needed. Regular posting in station's social media of the activities you're involved with will be part of your work.

We require our trainee to have:

- A good command in Finnish or English
- Outdoor skills
- The ability to do physically demanding work
- Willingness to operate on a boat
- Positive attitude, weather resistance and problem-solving skills
- Willingness to handle fish and insect samples
- Driver's license and ability to drive manual

The following traits are looked highly upon but are not mandatory for the applicant:

- Previous experience in field work and in collecting, handling and measuring samples
- Skills in bird and /or plant identification
- Nature and outdoor related hobbies
- Ability to drive an outboard motorboat

University students or recently graduated, who are eligible for Erasmus+ or equivalent funding, can apply for the position. The internship is unpaid, but you may receive academic credit to apply to your degree program. As an intern you apply for a visiting student status from the University of Helsinki. The internship is unpaid, but free lodging, one free meal a day and discounted student prices at the station's eatery is offered. The intern is responsible for the costs of travel to Kilpisjärvi.

Submit your application and CV in one PDF-document to anu.ruohomaki@helsinki.fi by 4th of February 2025, 23:59. The subject line of your email needs to state "Internship application 2026". The cover letter must include the following elements: (1) your motivation for applying; (2) your strongest skills/qualities and how they would be of use for the position; (3) a brief description of your relevant experience / skills / hobbies (4) your optimal start and end date of the internship period. Please note that four months is the minimum duration for the internship.

For more information, please contact:

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