

Studying biology or environmental sciences? Interested in gaining experience in field work in the subarctic? Love the outdoors and don't mind getting your hands dirty?

If the answer is yes yes yes, you might be the one we're looking for!

Kilpisjärvi Biological Station offers an Erasmus+ trainee position for the upcoming field season from May / June to October / November 2024. The length and dates of the internship are flexible. DL for the application is 4th of March 2024.

Kilpisjärvi Biological Station (69°03'N; 20°50'E) is Helsinki University's northernmost field station, surrounded by wilderness and high fells. The nature in the region is unique due to the areas young geology and distinct climate affected by its northern location, altitude and closeness to the Arctic Ocean. 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, data management as a part of our field team.

Our long-term monitoring projects are, for example, vegetation studies, survey of cavity-nesting birds, lake Kilpisjärvi fishery research and sample collection, maintenance and data processing of a multinational biodiversity research site, LifePlan.

As an intern you will also assist visiting research groups and participate in general tasks at the station if 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

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
- Driver's license
- Ability to drive an outboard motor boat

You can apply for the internship position if you are a university student or recently graduated, and you are eligible for Erasmus+ funding. 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. We offer our Erasmus+ intern free lodging in the station's dormitories and discounted student prices in the eatery. The intern is responsible for the costs of travel to Kilpisjärvi.

Submit your application / cover letter and CV by e-mail to anu.ruohomaki@helsinki.fi by Monday 4th of March 2024, 23:59. The subject line of your email needs to state "Internship application 2024". 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.

For more information, please contact:

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