

Internship offer: influence of agroecological practices on soil fertility

1. Context

Eclosio is the NGO of the University of Liège implementing programs and projects in six countries that reinforces initiatives respecting the human and the environment, and contributes to the exercise of the fundamental rights of peoples. Eclosio is currently implementing the Uni4Coop program that will end in 2026. For more information, Eclosio' website: <https://www.eclosio.org/en/>

Eclosio has been in Cambodia since 2001. Currently under framework of Upscale is implemented with objective to strengthen capacities of small-scale family farmers to achieve food sovereignty, to defend their interests and to generate pro-poor growth. The structural partner within UpScale project is the national Federation of Farmer Organizations FAEC. The technical partners within UpScale project are CIRDC (<https://cird.org.kh/home>) and ISC (<http://isc.org.kh/>).

Each year, PARTNER project will select 25 farmers to apply different AE practices, and use their farms as demonstration sites to other fellow farmers. The AE practices for demonstration sites can be focusing on vegetable or rice production, and other potential crops, which include cover crops.

2. Objective of the Internship

The student can do the research with PARTNER's demonstration sites. This research could be implemented in both Takeo and Battambang provinces.

3. General Principles Underlying the Internship

The trainee will be supervised, on the one hand, by the someone from the Educational Institution from which he comes and, on the other hand, by Eclosio staff members (from headquarters and at the field), as well as by Eclosio's partners. Eclosio will pay attention to the technical orientation of the works, their harmonization and their continuity.

The Intern must undergo trainings before departure ("Agriculture and cooperation" "preparation for departure"). The Intern will in turn be involved in Education for Global and Solidarity Citizenship (ECMS) by committing, through testimonials, video and photo reports, writing articles for Eclosio...

4. Duration and Estimated Period of the Internship

3 months

5. Expected Results for Eclosio and its Partners

Study/internship report in paper and electronic format in, describing the methodology adopted, the people met, the data capitalized, recommendations, a photo report, an evaluation of the course (complete).

6. Internship Terms

a. Financial Terms:

No scholarships are awarded by Eclosio to the student. Everyone takes charge of their plane ticket and meals. Facilities are however provided on site for the intern's accommodation and travel. Expenses incurred for the project (through the internship) are covered by Eclosio.

b. Working Conditions:

Eclosio office hours are from 8h30 to 12h30 and from 13h30 to 17h30 for every working days of the week. However, the work load of the Interns may vary during the period of the internship; working hours should be adapted to the work required to reach the objective and results of the internship.

Eclosio Cambodia always requires that the intern be accompanied by a pair to translate and ensure the proper integration of the intern in the cultural and environmental context of rural Cambodian society. As much as possible, if the period of the internship enables this, the Cambodian Intern will be selected from Eclosio's partner Education Institution; in the case that this is not feasible, Eclosio will hire a newly graduated student to accompany the internship.

7. Required Profile

a. Studies Research Areas:

Indicate educational background, experience and skills relevant to the research requirement. Proof that s/he has records and shared.

b. Languages:

The Intern will have to prove a level of English sufficient to enable him/her to communicate with team members of Eclosio and partners.

c. Behavioral and Professional Skills:

The trainee should have good autonomy and work organization, good innovation skills and scientific rigour, motivation and ability to meet challenges. S/he shall show her/his none-religious, culture and discrimination and applies flexible respects local culture and tradition. The trainee will be in constant contact with agricultural workers, the project facilitator and coordinator as well as with other trainees. It is therefore essential that he has good communication skills and a good ability to listen. Good

ability to work in extreme weather conditions. Good writing skills: a short monthly report will be requested according to a previously provided canvas.

8. Contact Person

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Please send your CV + cover letter for the 15/10/2020 at the latest.

Please note that applications will be processed as they are received on the first arrived – first served principle.