

Internship period: Minimally 3 months



About

Nature Society Singapore (NSS) is a non-government and non-profit organisation dedicated to the appreciation, conservation study and enjoyment of the natural heritage in Singapore, Malaysia and the surrounding region.

Our Vision

To be Singapore's leading advocate of biodiversity & habitats

Our Mission

With our evidence-based approach and partnerships with agencies, peers and corporates, we lead habitat and biodiversity conservation in Singapore and with partners in the region. Through engagement, education, advocacy and research, we inspire and enable people to take action towards a sustainable and biodiverse planet.

Every Singaporean a Naturalist

[Every Singaporean a Naturalist](#) is NSS's flagship citizen science project and nature education programme aimed at nurturing hearts and minds for nature, and ultimately lead participants to support advocacy and conservation of the natural environment around us. We do so by engaging and providing opportunities for students, teachers, and eventually the wider public, to explore, learn, understand and grow their love for nature. To date, we have engaged a total of 60 schools.

Participating schools receive training to assist in conservation-relevant urban biodiversity monitoring. They are to conduct a 20-minute monitoring session of common species, either nearby or within their school compound, at least once every two weeks for at least a year.

The collected monitoring data are uploaded on the [main project page](#) for NSS ESN on iNaturalist. These data are accessible to everyone who are interested in the findings. Participating schools are encouraged to conduct a simple analysis of their findings and present their results at the annual Symposium or in their respective schools. NSS will also conduct an analysis of the findings when there is sufficient data.

Key Responsibilities

Education & School Liaison

- Assist NSS ESN project officers with training sessions at schools, including the teaching of species identification to students, where necessary.
- Assist schools with monitoring sessions, including ensuring the following of methodology and identification of species, where necessary.
- Respond to queries from schools regarding monitoring and uploading of data, if any.
- Review training and monitoring materials to provide recommendations for improvement. After which, edit and refine training and monitoring materials, where necessary.

Events

- Assist in event preparation. For example:
 - Assess and recommend online platforms and/ or physical sites for events including recce.
 - Draft and prepare event information and publicity materials.
 - Draft and prepare event forms (registration, submission, feedback, etc.).
- Assist in event running, including logistics set-up and volunteer management.

Communications

- Content creation, curation, design and follower engagement for social media and website.
- Content creation and design for school and partner engagement.

Research

- Analyse the collected monitoring data (for spatial and temporal trends). Using suitable figures and tables, prepare and present findings in reports and presentation slides.
- Create and share any files, including statistical software scripts, used for the analysis of collected monitoring data and generation of suitable figures and tables.
- Review and suggest improvements to monitoring data and methodology for its finding to be more scientifically meaningful and/or statistically robust.

Requirements

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- Matriculated undergraduate from local universities
- Interest in local biodiversity as well as passion for environmental issues and nature conservation
- Effective team player as well as independent and resourceful self-starter
- Excellent communication and writing skills

Preferred

- Background in Environmental Science/ Studies, Life Science, or related discipline
- Proven ability to identify common species of birds and butterflies in Singapore
- Proven event management or teaching (primary to secondary level) experience
- Design and/ or publicity experience

Application details

Please follow the instructions listed below. Applications that fail to comply may not be considered.

1. Applicants should send their cover letter and resume to ningxin@nss.org.sg with “Application for NSS Outreach Internship” as the email subject line.
2. Applicants should clearly state in their cover letter if this internship will be used to fulfil university credit-bearing internship requirements, where applicable.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited for an interview. NSS will inform shortlisted applicants regarding their application outcome two to three weeks from the interview period, subject to changes.

Allowance and Benefits

During the internship period, the intern will receive an allowance of SGD 1000 per month.

Benefits:

- Free participation in selected NSS events and programmes during the internship period.
- Reimbursement for transport to offsite venues, where approved by the NSS Secretariat.

Contact

Should you have any enquires regarding the internship, please contact ningxin@nss.org.sg.