

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY – STUDENT/GRADUATE JOB VACANCY



To enable placements/vacancies to be advertised correctly please complete the following:

Name of Employer:	Impact Volunteers Africa (IVA)
Vacancy Type:	Self-Funded Wildlife Conservation Field Placement / Volunteer Placement – 4 to 12 weeks
Full-time/Part time :	Full-time field placement. Daily schedules and working hours vary according to the host conservation organisation, field activities, season and conservation priorities. Placements of approximately 30 days / 210 hours can be considered subject to host availability and university approval.
Start date:	Flexible start dates throughout the year, depending on the selected conservation placement and host availability.
Background:	Impact Volunteers Africa (IVA) is a South African organisation connecting international students and volunteers with structured, ethical conservation field placements across Southern Africa. We work with established host conservation organisations in South Africa, Namibia, Malawi and Mozambique. Our focus is on responsible, host-led conservation experiences that provide meaningful field exposure while supporting genuine conservation priorities. Website: impactvolunteersafrica.com
The Role:	Wildlife Conservation Field Placement. Students may gain practical experience in activities such as wildlife tracking and monitoring, species identification, behavioural observation, biodiversity surveys, camera trapping, GPS data collection, ecological fieldwork, habitat and reserve management, human-wildlife conflict mitigation and field data recording. Activities vary according to the selected placement, season, host priorities, weather, safety requirements and the student's experience. Placements are supervised by the host conservation organisation, with IVA providing application screening, placement matching, host liaison and pre-departure support. International students are welcome.
Degree:	Suitable for students studying Wildlife Conservation, Countryside Management, Wildlife Ecology, Conservation Biology, Ecology, Zoology, Environmental Science, Biodiversity, Wildlife Management or related disciplines. No specific degree classification is required; suitability is assessed individually.
Permanent/temporary:	Temporary self-funded field placement. Typically 4–12 weeks for university students, with duration agreed according to academic requirements and host availability.
Location:	Various conservation field sites in South Africa, Namibia, Malawi and Mozambique. Exact location depends on the placement selected.
Personal requirements:	A genuine interest in wildlife conservation and ethical field practice; willingness to work outdoors and adapt to field conditions; ability to follow host safety, animal welfare and conservation protocols; responsible and respectful attitude; reasonable level of physical fitness; and ability to work as part of an international team.
Other requirements:	Participants must meet the individual host organisation's requirements. Students are responsible for international flights, visas, appropriate travel/medical insurance and personal expenses. Placement approval for academic credit or compulsory placement requirements must be obtained from the student's university in advance.

Salary/Package: Unpaid, self-funded conservation placement. Program fees and the IVA registration fee apply. Depending on the selected placement, fees may include accommodation, orientation, task-specific training, on-site supervision, placement support and other specified inclusions. Exact inclusions and exclusions vary by placement and will be provided before application confirmation.

How to apply: Email info@impactvolunteersafrica.com with your degree/course, preferred placement dates, required placement duration or hours, and area of conservation interest. IVA will recommend suitable options and provide full placement information before the student commits. Students can also visit impactvolunteersafrica.com for further information. Or visit our website to apply online. www.impactvolunteersafrica.com

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Closing Date for applications: Open year round, bookings however should be done minimum 30 days before arrival.

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