



Research assistant

**Position Description:** The Greater Mahale Ecosystem Research and Conservation (GMERC) Project is seeking a Tanzanian, female research assistant to collect botanical data as part of a larger project on wild chimpanzee feeding ecology in the Greater Mahale Ecosystem, western Tanzania for 7 months beginning in May 2023. Responsibilities include (1) Leading data collection of chimpanzee feeding tree characteristics, (2) assisting with project design and data processing, (3) assisting with community outreach in local schools. The successful candidate will receive mentoring in research skills from the project lead, and have the opportunity to produce a poster on their work.

**Qualifications:** We are looking for female-only Tanzanian candidates, who must be passionate about research, responsible, organized, independent, resourceful, and get along well and easily with others, as the position requires long periods in the field with Tanzanians and expats. Flexibility is critical as often scheduling, etc. change at the last minute! Knowledge of basic first aid is very useful.

Essential criteria	Desirable criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Bsc degree in related field (Zoology, Ecology, Biology, Wildlife Conservation)</li><li>➤ Prior experience with behavioural and/or botanical data collection</li><li>➤ Knowledge of primate ecology, behaviour</li><li>➤ Familiarity with data management (MS excel)</li><li>➤ Physical fitness</li><li>➤ Good knowledge of Kiswahili and English languages</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Masters degree in related field (Zoology, Ecology, Biology, Wildlife Conservation)</li><li>➤ Prior experience in community outreach/work with children.</li><li>➤ Previous experience with great apes or monkeys</li><li>➤ Use of GPS</li></ul>



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**Duration:** May 2023 - November 2023 (dates are somewhat flexible).

**Compensation:** TZS 300-400,000 per month, depending on qualifications, with in-country & work-related expenses covered.

Interested applicants should create a **SINGLE .PDF** file that includes a cover letter, updated CV, and the names of two references, emailed to [rhianadc@gmail.com](mailto:rhianadc@gmail.com). Please also include a short paragraph on what you identify as an important knowledge gap in chimpanzee ecology in this region, and how this internship would contribute to your career goals. We will begin reviewing applications immediately and prioritize those applications submitted before 31 March 2023.