



# Elephant Valley Project

## Mondulkiri, Cambodia

### INTERN & SKILLED VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

ELIE and the Elephant Valley Project focus on elephant welfare, conservation and education. Therefore, to further promote this we have developed an Intern & Skilled Volunteer Program, enabling people from all over Cambodia and the world to join the project, contribute their time in a meaningful way, and hopefully learn from the experience.

The program is open to Khmer Nationals and International applicants.

#### Program Length and Intakes

Our Intern and Skilled volunteer program has been set for a 3 months placement. This time frame means that each volunteer has a decent amount of time to be able to do induction, training, and then complete a specific project. We may be able to discuss a shorter time frame– please discuss this on your application.

Ideally we would like to have volunteers and interns join on four intakes per year. However, if you have only a certain time period, please discuss with us on your application.

January – March

April – June

July – September

October – December

#### Costs

We can not offer a salary for the intern program, but the intern is not required to pay any sort of program fee. You are responsible for your own travel costs to get to Sen Monorom, Mondulkiri, Cambodia.

At the current time we do not have any specific facilities for interns. For the programs based mainly on-site at the sanctuary, we can offer food, and possible accommodation, while staying onsite, depending on the season and space availability. Otherwise, all interns will be required to stay in town, 12 km from the sanctuary, at their own cost. A room in town with electricity and Wifi can be sourced for \$100 - \$150 per month. You can travel with the project vehicles that go out to the site each day. Food while in town is at your own cost.

For international applicants - To stay in Cambodia for 3 months or more, you will need an 'Business Visa', as this can be extended for 1 or 3 months (single entry). Not a Tourist Visa, as this only allows 30 days and can only be extended once for another month. This Business Visa costs \$35 on entry, and then either \$72 for 3 Months extension.

#### Application Process

We have a set of listed project categories below that we have thought of that could benefit the organisation and different projects. However if you are studying a specific subject, we are happy for you to propose a project idea and we can see if it fits with our resources and programs.

To Apply, please fill in the form at the bottom of this document and email this and your CV to the EVP Project Manager at [EVPCambodia.PM@gmail.com](mailto:EVPCambodia.PM@gmail.com)

# PROJECT IDEAS

For each area of interest we have thought of some projects we would like to complete and need help with. This is a constantly evolving project list and needs change per season. For example, agriculture projects are hard to do during the dry season from Jan to March. For the projects we propose, most involve having some experience in that certain field. Some of these projects might not be full time projects for the 3 month intern program timeframe, but we can tie this with also spending time on the site and helping where needed. Or maybe you feel you could complete a couple of the projects in three months. Have a look and let us know.

We are also open to you proposing projects of your own. For example if you are studying a certain subject at university or school, and have to do a specific research project and would like to propose a study project, then go ahead! For some projects, particularly based on-site, we can also utilise the EVP volunteer program to assist. For example, if you need more hands to get the project done or research assistants.

## *Current Situation as of 2024*

Regarding possible project ideas, in terms of the conservation projects and agriculture, we don't really have any projects going on at the moment, or any project that requires additional/extra resources or funds. Firstly this is because of the financial impacts of Covid. Pre covid we used to support more research, had community forest patrols, and other conservation activities. But due to funds shortages post covid, at the moment we are still mainly focused on caring for the elephants, running the sanctuary and eco-tourism project, as well as supporting our mobile vet clinic.

With our interns at the moment we usually say, you join the team to generally learn about elephants, their health and welfare and learn how our model works with the elephants and the community. You then can complete projects during your time, but will be required to help out with the ecotourism project as well.

## Elephant Behaviour / Conservation / Biology

**Please propose projects of interest or study**

## Veterinary Program

**Please propose projects of interest or study**

**Vet clinics and training.** We always welcome trained and experienced vets coming out to run clinics and work alongside our vet and monitoring team. This would be possible to set up with advanced notice with the community owned elephants, but also training onsite at the EVP. This program is highly dependent on the area of specialisation of the vet and what resources are required. We also understand that most qualified and working vets may not have 3 months, so we can discuss shorter stays (e.g. one month).

**Vet Students** – We usually recommend for vet students to join on a standard volunteer placement for a short stay of two weeks. You get to learn a lot about the elephants and complete health checks with the elephants each week. If we have vet students, we could focus more on an area of interest during these health checks, or add a day with the elephant manager- going into more depth about elephant care. We love to have volunteers from all over and specifically from different backgrounds. Usually volunteers join our program as paying volunteers. This is a huge help to our organisation by helping to fund the elephant care and welfare programs, as well as all the forest protections and community support programs.

Longer - If there is a specific program a vet student would like to undertake, or has a research component of their study requirements, then we are also happy to look at a longer internship. However it is important to note, with the elephants here it is not like a typical vet clinic that operates 7 days a week. We have some ongoing treatments with our elephants, as most of them are elderly, but we hope they are usually healthy. Unfortunately, the population of captive elephants in Cambodia is now very small, with only 70 left in the country, and less than 30 of those here in Mondulkiri Province. Our mobile

vet team goes out into the rural communities to check and treat community elephants, or for emergency cases. However, due to the remoteness and transportation logistics, it would not be guaranteed that an intern could join our mobile vet team on these calls. Our mobile vet team also treats the elephants on site, but again only when they are sick. But there could be opportunities to learn more from these cases as well.

## Marketing / Sales / Advertising / Social Media

**Please propose projects of interest or study**

**Media Production.** We are always after more photos, video footage, and media production. If you have skills in these areas we would love you to come out and work on some updated material for us. Let us know your art style and we can discuss a project/s.

**Marketing material and poster design** - We are also in need of fresh new ideas for posters, stickers, marketing collateral, etc. We also have dreamed of more educational information boards at our introduction area and education centre. So if design and marketing are your passion, please apply now to help us continue our elephant education work.

**Website.** We really need a website whizz to come and revamp our website. A few years ago it got a bug in it and has some glitches. We also want to add more information and increase our presence online.

## Community Projects

**Please propose projects of interest or study**

**Teaching English** - We have now had a couple of English teachers complete internships and it has been very popular with our staff. We would like to have this as a regular position to keep the level of English improving. This would be for the community members engaging in ecotourism to be able to further develop their skills and also for the local staff at the EVP. Required some teaching experience and a qualification.

## Finance / Accounting / Admin Procedures

**Please propose projects of interest or study**

**Annual Report.** Each year we have to compile quarterly annual reports in Khmer for the government. We would like to start yearly annual report summaries in a nice format in English, publication on our website etc. Design and then production of this would be a great help.

**Accounting** - We have been using Quickbooks accounting system now for a number of years, but only the basics. We would love someone with an accounting background to come out and help train our staff to use these programs more effectively.

## Sustainable Agriculture / Permaculture / Agroforestry

**Please propose projects of interest or study**

**Permaculture Site plan** for the whole EVP basecamp and all farms surrounding it. We have been constantly developing the site in terms of the elephant food farms, reforestation tree nursery, luxury timber plantings, site facilities, elephant hospital site and more. But we have never got around to drawing this on a full site map and plan. We would love someone with previous permaculture experience who has done their PDC to help to map the whole site.

**Tree Management and Surgery.** For the constantly growing site there are some trees around the camp that need some management. The local staff can bring down dangerous trees. But long term we would like someone to look at the management plan for the site in regards to tree pruning, propagation, reforestation program.

**Natural Building.** For the whole site at EVP we have a goal to only try to use recycled timbers and materials we can get here. To further this vision, we would like to build more structures from natural materials. We would love someone to come with natural earth building skills to train the staff, local and international, and to complete some projects.

# ELIE INTERN APPLICATION FORM

<b>Full Name</b>	
<b>Age</b>	
<b>Nationality</b>	
<b>Requested Intern intake date</b>	January – March April – June July – September October – December
<b>Intern Project ELIE/EVP Project Choice</b>	
Project Name:	
Please detail your experience that fits this role:	
What could you bring to this project and what are some initial ideas for completing this project:	
Please describe why you would like to come out to Cambodia and work with ELIE and the intern program. Why should we choose you!	
<b>Or - Propose a project to us.</b>	
Project Name:	
Project aims and objectives:	
Project resources required:	
Please detail your experience and background for this project:	
Please describe why you would like to come out to Cambodia and work with ELIE and the intern program. Why should we choose you and your project?	
<b>Please attached your CV and any other relevant documents email to <a href="mailto:EVPCambodia.PM@gmail.com">EVPCambodia.PM@gmail.com</a></b>	