



## ANNOUNCEMENT: OPEN INTERNSHIP 2026

The natural environment of D'Arros Island and St Joseph Atoll is among the most ecologically healthy and unique in Seychelles and in the world. More sea turtles come to nest on the beaches, more sharks, rays and fishes swarm over the coral reefs and more seabirds nest and roost in the trees than at any other island in the Amirantes Group. The [Save Our Seas Foundation D'Arros Research Centre \(SOSF–DRC\)](#) is tasked with preserving and showcasing the ecological integrity of these islands and their surrounding marine environment through research, monitoring, restoration and education.

The [Save Our Seas Foundation](#) (SOSF) is currently offering training opportunities and is looking for **one**:

### Research Intern for the SOSF D'Arros Research Centre

Are you a young Seychellois passionate about our terrestrial and marine environments and willing to learn about conservation to help preserve our natural ecosystems? Now is your chance to apply for a three-month traineeship at the D'Arros Research Centre where you will be an active member of the team, helping in all research activities around D'Arros and St Joseph Atoll.

Applications **only open to Seychellois citizens and residents**. The position comes with free room and board and an allowance.

**DURATION:** Three months (10-12 weeks) - **early/mid February-end April 2026** (*exact dates TBC pending flight schedule*)

**PLACE OF WORK AND LIVING:** D'Arros Island and St Joseph Atoll, Amirantes Group, Seychelles

**COMPENSATION:** minimum salary as per government regulations

#### OVERVIEW OF MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist with and participate in all core and targeted marine and terrestrial research projects
- Assist with data entry and data management
- Help in maintaining lab buildings, field camp, vehicles, boats, lab equipment, dive gear and other DRC infrastructure and equipment
- Assist with logistical and administrative tasks including but not limited to social media posts, writing of blogs, reports

#### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

- 18+ years old
- Native / Fluent in both spoken and written English and Creole
- Completed secondary school education
- Good swimming skills and comfortable in the water



- Certified PADI Open Water diver
- Demonstrated commitment to and keen interest in environment and conservation issues (e.g. school club, extracurricular activities, university enrolment plans etc.)
- Ability to share living space with others
- Ability and willingness to work long hours in the field when required
- Ability to actively contribute to tasks when working both independently and as a team member
- Ability to respond to difficult, stressful or sensitive situations in a way that reduces or minimizes potential conflict, strives to maintain good working relationships characterized by respect and mutual regard
- Professional behaviour and appearance – Self-motivated, organized
- Good communication skills – Ability to convey clear, concise messages both in written and verbal format
- Physically, medically and mentally fit
- Basic understanding and skills in Microsoft Office
- Good presentation skills

#### **BENEFICIAL QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS**

- Certified PADI Advanced Open Water diver (or higher) OR ability to get certified before arrival
- Powerboat certification or skipper skills
- Completed tertiary/post-secondary education (e.g. maritime academy, University BSc)
- Data management experience
- Social media experience
- Proficiency in other languages
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively in the field under changing and challenging conditions
- Experience in (remote) field work in the marine or terrestrial sector
- Demonstrated intent to pursue research or conservation work in the future in Seychelles
- Qualifications in 1<sup>st</sup> Aid

#### **APPLICATION**

Individuals who meet the minimum qualifications and requirements are invited to send the following documents to Program Director Henriette Grimmel [henriette@saveourseas.com](mailto:henriette@saveourseas.com) and Research Director Robert Bullock [robert@saveourseas.com](mailto:robert@saveourseas.com):

- Cover letter explaining motivation for the role and intentions for the future (in PDF format)
- Full CV/Resume including details of two contactable references (in PDF format)
- Copy of ID Card
- Any reference letter/s (if any)
- Proof of dive qualification (if any)

**DEADLINE: 06<sup>th</sup> October 2025 (COB 17:00 GMT+4)**