



Foundation for Sustainable Development

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Internship

To bring nature into decision-making through ecosystem services valuation and help organise international conferences on ecosystem services.

The Foundation for Sustainable Development (FSD) is looking for an intern who will support our work on the Ecosystem Services Valuation Database (ESVD) and on the Ecosystem Services Partnership (ESP).

This internship is suited for an MSc academic internship.

Ecosystem Services Valuation Database (ESVD)

The ESVD is the largest publicly available database with standardized monetary values for all ecosystem services and all biomes on all continents. It aims to provide a comprehensive, trustworthy, up-to-date and easily accessible database with state-of-the-art information on the monetary value of all ecosystem services. Ultimately, our goal with the ESVD is to contribute to averting biodiversity loss and ecosystem degradation as well as bringing ecosystem services into decision-making, to be used in research and in policy-making. We do projects with governments, financial institutions such as the ASN Bank and international organisations such as the FAO. For more information visit esvd.info.

Ecosystem Services Partnership (ESP)

ESP connects ecosystem services scientists, policy makers and practitioners all over the globe, working together in various working groups and national networks on all continents. ESP regularly organises world and regional conferences and provides many services to further enhance the application of ecosystem services for nature conservation, ecosystem restoration and sustainable management. For more information, please see www.es-partnership.org.

Internship tasks

ESVD

The ESVD has seen major updates in recent years, showing the great demand for our work. With this growth, we must ensure and improve the quality of the database as well as the applicability of the database for possible users. Your main tasks include assisting with the growth and quality of the ESVD. Concretely, this consists of adding data, finding studies and validating output. Moreover, in terms of project-related work, you will be contributing to projects for different partners, depending on our needs and your interests. See the website for some of our partners.

ESP

We are currently preparing for the 6th European ESP Conference, which will take place in May 2026 in Prague. As an intern, you will support our team with the conference organisation. Your main tasks will include preparing important conference materials, communication with delegates, updating the conference website, managing the digital event platform and other related tasks. Since this conference is in the initial stages of preparation, you will be able to observe and contribute to the shaping of the overall conference format and program. Furthermore, you can be involved in the ESP community coordination, organisation of smaller ESP events, the ongoing support of the national networks and working groups and the ongoing communications activities within the partnership.

Web content management

The ESP website is in constant development. We add news items, vacancies and upcoming events, and often update our other pages. As an intern, you will help with all activities above. This gives you the opportunity to gain experience with the widely used CMS WordPress and to gain skills in crafting newsworthy texts.

Required knowledge and skills

- Ambitious person with a drive to learn and to improve the world
- Good textual and communicative skills
- Good quantitative and data analysis skills
- Advanced level of understanding of Word, Excel, Outlook and Power point
- Able to work independently and proactively
- Eye for detail

- Experience in working with people from different backgrounds and countries
- Languages: English
- Education level: MSc student

What we offer

- Opportunity to learn more about ecosystem services and natural resource management
- Access to a large network of ecosystem service specialists
- Opportunity to gain valuable experience in bringing science into practice
- Opportunity to get experience with conference organisation and web communication
- Working in a dynamic and high-paced working environment at a small NGO where you get a lot of responsibility and where not everything is set in stone
- A remuneration of €250, – per month based on a 40 hours workweek (possibly changed).
- Last but not least, a great feeling of doing something which benefits nature!

Practical information

Preferable starting date is late January or early February 2023. Internship time and weekly hours are open for discussion, but we prefer someone who can work for at least 4 months (based on a 40 hours workweek) and at least 4 days a week. Internship is based in Wageningen.

More information and application

- Visit www.fsd.nl, esvd.info and es-partnership.org for more information.
- Contact us for more information about the position at info@fsd.nl
- If you are interested in this internship, send us a short motivation and your resume to info@fsd.nl