Global Vision International
Caqalai Island, Fiji
Coral Reef Ecology and Conservation Internship

Organization Overview

GVI was established in 1998 and operates award winning International Internships and Service Learning programs focused on global issues and framed around the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We partner and support many local and international NGOs and government organizations including the National Parks of Thailand, Mexico, Costa Rica and South Africa, WWF (Mexico), Save the Children (Mexico), Red Cross (Fiji), Panthera, The UN Global Compact and many others around the world.

All GVI’s projects have short, mid and long-term objectives that fit with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals or UNSDGs. These are a set of coherent goals focused on sustainable development in the economic, social and environmental fields.

GVI’s main goal is based on making viable changes in all the communities we work in. We run responsible and sustainable award-winning projects and are proud to say that the impact of our work is life changing, for both the local people, our partners and our volunteers. Volunteers from all ages and from all walks of life contribute to this important impact and success of our projects.

Our core ethics and best practices we believe are essential to the operation of high quality, ethical volunteer, and sustainable development programs:

- Locally-driven, Collaborative Projects
- Clear Objectives and Sustainable Outcomes
- Impact Reporting
- Working Against Dependency
- Responsible Exit Strategies
- Clear Roles and Specialized Training
- Respect for All
- Local Ownership
- Transitioning from The Orphanage Model
- Child and Vulnerable Adults Protection

Social Issue Focus & Impact

Over 40% of all coral species can be found in Fiji. This internship, which also gives you a formal qualification in leadership, provides the perfect opportunity to assist in coral reef preservation and conservation initiatives. Explore the island of Caqalai where you will have the opportunity to work on protecting its unique coral reef ecosystem.

Position Description
Research is shared with local communities as an aid to make informed decisions about the management of their marine assets. The data is also shared with our in-country partners the Fiji Locally Management Marine Area Network (FLMMA) plus the Institutde Recherche pour le Development (IRD), the Ocean Conservancy and the Great Fiji Shark Count.

- Assist with coral reef research, data tracking and sharing with local partners.
- Learn to be a modern leader in the multicultural milieu of the world by completing an ILM leadership training program while on this internship.
- Engage and learn from locals on the small island of Caqalai, along with your fellow international interns.
- Participate in daily dives and snorkeling expeditions, submerging yourself into the vast, blue waters of Fiji.

**Student Profile**

Students with experience working in cross-cultural settings and flexibility will be viewed favorably.

**Time Frame**

6 – 12 week options available.