



Would you like to do a volunteer work funded by the European Commission under the European Solidarity Corps?

The European Commission funds Projects for Organizations that present projects to promote the mobility and exchange of young people between 18 and 30 years of age, offering them the opportunity to learn how to live different cultures, their languages and training through informal education in a non-profit organization in another country, usually European.

The basic principles to apply for these scholarships are:

- Be between 18 and 30 years old (not turn 31 while volunteering).
- Be a legal resident in the EU
- Be interested in living an experience of active citizenship and non-formal education.
- Be interested in your personal development and that of others.
- Be prepared to actively participate in the project.
- Have a sending organization
- Not have completed a previous long-term EVS or CES grant (up to 60 days).

* Since the European Voluntary Service has become the European Solidarity Corps, organizations can accept volunteers in the same country where the Volunteering Activity takes place.

More information: https://youth.europa.eu/solidarity_es

Sign Up! MONA can be your Sending or Hosting Organization.



Do you choose MONA to do your volunteering?

Project: "Primate Caregiver".

We are looking for 6 participants who meet the following requirements:

- You must like animals and be fascinated by primates.

If you are thinking of participating to work with us, there is no doubt that you have an interest in animals, anyway MONA is a center for Recovery and Rehabilitation of primates, so we are not only looking for people who like animals, but dedicated people, highly motivated and involved in the Project offering a high level of physical and mental capacity.

- Languages: mother tongue Spanish and/or Catalan and intermediate-high level of English.

MONA's team is composed of people from many countries, English is one of the main languages used.

- High Motivation

The Project lasts 12 months and the activities may seem routine and monotonous...but it will depend on your ability to enhance your skills and look for the extent of this learning.

- You like to work in a team but at the same time you can work autonomously.

Mona is a fantastic place to work and much of that is thanks to a wonderful team! You will work and be trained by several people, you will be in contact with many people: the team, the visitors ... A positive spirit is essential for us but there are also jobs where you will acquire some autonomy and you should be comfortable with that.

- Ability to communicate and fluent language.

- Keep in mind that working with primates is physically tough.

- Ability to cope with adverse weather, very hot summers, very cold winters and lots of insects!

- Physically and mentally healthy person



- Have no objection to working weekends and holidays.

We work 365 days a year, so it is possible that you also work any of the 365 days a year to cover the activities of the center. (of course, you will have days off per week – see below)

- Committed and serious about the job

We need people who are serious about the activities to be developed, we require punctuality and attendance at the work center. We will need you once you are part of the team, therefore your frequent absence or reluctance may be reason enough to "invite" you to leave the Project.

Brief description of the positions

WHAT: Fellowships of the European Commission EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY BODY

PROJECT: "Primate Caregiver".

WHERE: Fundació MONA, Riudellots de la Selva, Girona, Spain.

WHEN: Depending on the project.

PLACES: 4 (people between 18 and 30 years of age)

NATIONALITY: Spanish or Foreign (from a country belonging to the European Union)

I WANT TO PARTICIPATE: Send motivation letter, CV and application form to x.benzekri@fundacionmona.org and g.ciarcelluti@fundaciomona.org. Only complete applications will be considered. Candidates who pass the pre-selection will be called for an online interview.

Deadline for sending applications: Depending on the project.

What is MONA?

MONA Foundation was created with the aim of solving the problem of chimpanzees and other primates that are illegally found in Spain. Its main objective is to rescue, rehabilitate and re-socialize those primates that have barely survived their terrible conditions and have been used in circuses, advertising or kept as pets. We believe that the problem cannot be solved without a clear commitment to education, outreach, research, and awareness of society in general.



MONA can be considered an environmental program that protects endangered primate species that have been abused and given a second chance to live with dignity despite their captivity. Future generations must know, understand, respect and above all protect our environment to ensure its conservation.

More information www.fundaciomona.org

Project Activities

Days: 4 days a week, working 8 hours a day. The schedule may be split on certain occasions depending on the center's activities, but never more than 35 hours per week.

Hours: generally, from 9:00 am to 6:30 pm in winter and 7:30 pm in summer (with breaks during the day).

Vacations: 2 days per month.

Main Activities

1- Experience as a primate caretaker: the participant will learn the main management and welfare activities for the group of primates we house such as: cleaning of facilities, creation and administration of diets, environmental enrichment activities.

2- Support in the Research Department: the participant will learn how to collect data on the behavior of our primate groups. At the same time he/she can be part of a study that is being carried out, as well as assistant or reinforcement in administrative tasks of the department.

3- Support in the Education department Awareness and sensitization of the public that visits us is one of the pillars of MONA. The volunteer will have to know the philosophy, values and educational objectives and manage to transmit them to the people who visit us, with the aim of having an impact on them.:

4- Maintenance tasks: gardening, painting, construction, etc.

5- Learning Spanish (for foreign participants): through the platform provided by the European Commission OLS.



Travel

The travel budget is limited for each participant, depending on the mileage band. The scholarship will cover round-trip tickets to and from the beginning and end of the Volunteer Activity.

Pocket Money

Pocket money is determined by the European Commission. In the case of volunteers in Spain, each participant receives 180 euros per month.

Per diem and local transportation

The participant receives 190 euros per month for food and transportation to the work center.

Accommodation

Accommodation is provided by MONA, now we rent 2 apartments in Girona city with single rooms for volunteers linked to MONA. These have the essential elements for the participant to be comfortable and safe. It will be the volunteer's responsibility to cover any possible extra expenses that may arise from the misuse or excessive consumption of supplies as well as any damage caused to the apartment in which he/she lives. MONA will not look for alternative accommodation if the participant decides NOT to live in the apartments because he/she has a pet, partner or because of lifestyle incompatibility (i.e. vegans, vegetarians, omnivores, political, gender or religious, etc...). MONA is not responsible for or will not pay accommodation costs.