



## INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES WITH ARANYA AGRICULTURAL ALTERNATIVES

If you are a believer in sustainability or are a nature enthusiast, Aranya Agricultural Alternatives is open to interns for some of its projects. Aranya is an environmental and developmental organization providing permaculture guidance to communities, organizations, governments and other national and international agencies and creating sustainable livelihoods since 1999. Aranya hosted the International Permaculture Convergence ([www.ipcindia2017.org](http://www.ipcindia2017.org)) in Nov-Dec 2017 to provide a platform for our farmers and urban citizens to get exposed to global thinking. 'Aranya' is a Sanskrit word for forest. The forest is a self-regulating ecosystem, with the ability to sustain itself in the present and in the future. It is the source of the guiding principles of agriculture. Thus, we chose the name Aranya Agricultural Alternatives to encapsulate the tradition of a regenerative nature. We aim to provide alternative solutions to industrialized and chemical agricultural practices. At Aranya, we offer internship opportunities to promote learning, adopting and advocating Permaculture in rural and urban settings.

Please read through the following information to know of internship opportunities available:

### Internship opportunity # 1

Place	Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh
Role	<p>You will be working with Aranya who is partnering with the AP Govt. to reduce/mitigate drought related distress. As part of the project, you will get detailed guidance from Aranya on the following aspects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Soil and water conservation</li><li>• Water resource management</li><li>• Protective irrigation</li><li>• Livestock development/ small ruminants development/backyard poultry with local birds</li><li>• Community managed seed systems (CMSS)</li><li>• Nursery raising for bio-mass plantation</li><li>• Soil health management.</li></ul>

	<p>In each village 250 acres have to be developed on dryland drought mitigation strategies.</p> <p>You will be working on any of the above-mentioned projects and provide technical guidance to the farmers. This will involve showing demonstrations, working with the</p>
About Andhra Pradesh Drought Mitigation Program (APDMP)	<p>The AP Drought Mitigation Project (APDMP) is a program designed to mitigate the adverse impacts of droughts in 5 districts viz., Anantapur, Chittoor, Kurnool, Kadapa and Prakasam.</p> <p>Aranya Agricultural Alternatives is one of the partners working with the AP Govt. in 36 villages (12 mandals) with the help of 4 facilitating agencies/NGOs in Kurnool with over 10,000 farmers.</p>

### Internship opportunity # 2

Place	Adilabad and Medak districts, Telangana
Role	<p>You will be part of the team that is facilitating the implementation of people's action plans on watershed management. At the same time, you will be motivating and executing tasks like formation of earthen bunds to check the soil erosion and moisture conservation which are consolidated through bio-mass production plants.</p> <p>Learn about the various water harvesting structures, how to conduct client interviews, facilitate farmers' planning for water harvesting, how to identify locations for the structures, drainage line treatment, soil moisture conservation works, farm ponds, bund plantation, vegetation coverage, nursery raising, seed collection &amp; bank, travel in the field, and also facilitate community conversations to help them choose the right kind of structure.</p> <p>Additionally, you will document the various processes and share them with Aranya.</p>

	Documentation will be in written, video or photography format.
About the Watershed project	Watershed project is being executed in Adilabad and Nirmal districts across 13000 hectares in tribal areas. Aranya is working with the indigenous tribal communities with the main objective to increase productivity, ground water levels and bringing waste land into cultivated land. To increase the productivity enhancement and ground water levels, four types of activities are being taken up – 1. Area Treatments 2. Drainage Line treatments 3. Agriculture Enhancement measures and 4. Livelihood Activities.

### Internship opportunity # 3

Place	Guntoor and Medak districts
Role	<p>Farm Advisory and Management Services, we have local facilitators that collect data from the local farmers on the practices they follow.</p> <p>You will get to go along with the facilitators, interact with the farmers, document what kind of practices farmers are following, and conduct analysis based on the data collected by local facilitators. Using this data, you can get the opportunity to interact with the farmers and convince them to turn to ecological practices.</p>

We hope you are excited with these opportunities. Please read through the following guidelines with great detail to ensure that your experience is mutually rewarding, and a positive learning experience filled with joy.

- International volunteers need to pay USD 250 per month towards food and accommodation expenses. Indian volunteers need to pay INR 9000 per month.
- Please make an advance payment towards your food and accommodation expenses.
- You will be asked to pay for an entire month regardless of your duration of stay during that month.
  - You need to submit your résumé to aranyahyd@gmail.com along with details of internship you want to do.
- Every day brings a possibility to learn, so soak in the learning and apply whatever you learn.

- Before doing anything new, please consult the project/site leader and gain agreement. It's easier to do projects when they are agreed upon. You will be asked to present details of your work done.
  - Please inform of your leaves planned during the internship period. We encourage you to inform us at least a week before you plan to take leaves.
- Living with a community requires respect, teamwork, commitment, communication and a certain amount of flexibility. You will be working with people from different cultures, backgrounds, and experiences.
- You will be encouraged to participate in daily chores as you will be a part of the family! • We strictly follow the working hours, so please respect your commitment.
  - No drugs, no alcohol policy and no smoking inside the premises has to be followed at all the locations.
  - Basic hygiene is very important in India. You need to wash your hands before and after eating. In India, people typically eat with hands.
  - You need to have an internationally accessible health insurance before you come for internship.
  - If you have any contagious disease, please refrain from internship.
  - Dress modestly during your volunteering experience to avoid any uncomfortable situations. Please remember that you will be working with farmers and locals who usually wear Indian clothing.
  - Limited WIFI will be available in some of the volunteering locations. You can procure Jio portable 4G device for WIFI. Additionally, if you are a foreign national, please take a local number so that you are reachable.
  - The food served will primarily be vegetarian and simple Indian meals. If you have any dietary restrictions or requirement, please mention it to us beforehand.
  - Bring essentials like sleeping bag, blanket, two bed sheets, torch, sunglasses, a stole/scarf/hat to cover your head, mosquito repellent, water bottle and any other items which will help you be more comfortable during your stay with us.
  - Before reaching any of the volunteering locations, you need to arrive at Aranya office on a working day. If you are a foreign national, you will also be required to fill a Form C at the office.