



# National Trust Summer 2025 Conservation Internship - DPLUS163 Grant Support

The National Trust for the Cayman Islands is seeking a highly motivated Caymanian student (open to both high school and university students aged 16 or older) with an interest in wildlife and conservation to support fieldwork-related tasks under the grant: *Preserving Endemic Threatened Wildlife Populations through Effective Protected Area Management (DPLUS163)*.

The internship length will depend on the successful candidate's availability. The ideal candidate would be available to start as soon as possible and continue through to August (~2-3 months), working full-time Monday to Friday.

#### **Key Responsibilities:**

- Assist with sorting and organizing wildlife camera monitoring images from Salina Reserve
- Help process and identify bird calls in acoustic recordings collected from Salina and Colliers Wilderness Reserves (training supported by the Cayman Islands Government, Department of Environment)
- Support with basic data entry and organization
- Assist periodically with general husbandry tasks at the Blue Iguana Conservation Facility
- Participate in other grant-related tasks as needed

### Stipend:

CI\$1,250 per month

### Requirements:

- Must be a Caymanian high school or university student (16 years or older). Note: candidates aged 16 and 17 will
  require a signed parental consent form if hired
- Must have reliable transportation to and from Dart Park (South Sound) and the Blue Iguana Conservation Facility (Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park)
- Strong interest in environmental science, wildlife, or conservation
- Prior experience with data entry, animal care, or wildlife monitoring is considered an asset
- Detail-oriented and able to work independently with minimal supervision
- Strong communication skills and professionalism in written materials
- Willingness to learn new technical skills and follow data handling protocols
- Comfortable working with images of animals, including invasive species and predators
- Familiarity with the <u>DPLUS163 Grant Preserving Endemic Threatened Wildlife Populations through Effective Protected Area Management</u> is an advantage
- Previous involvement with the National Trust or Blue Iguana Conservation Programme is an advantage

## **Training & Supervision:**

Interns will receive task-specific training and ongoing supervision from the Protected Areas Project Manager. Acoustic analysis training will be supported by the Cayman Islands Government, Department of Environment.

### How to Apply:

Interested Caymanian students should submit a **CV and cover letter** clearly outlining how they meet the requirements by email to **projectmanager@nationaltrust.org.ky** no later than **5:00 PM Wednesday**, **June 11**, **2025**. Please include details of your availability and any relevant experience or interests related to wildlife, conservation, or data handling.