

2024 Internship Prospectus

International Wildlife Consultants





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About Us

- ❖ Run by Dr Nick Fox since 1975
- ❖ Pioneers in Falcon breeding in the United Kingdom
- ❖ One of the longest established breeding facilities in Europe, having bred falcons since 1983
- ❖ Over 200 Stock falcons, including more than 100 Pure Gyr Falcons
- ❖ Located across 5 farms in Wales covering 200 acres with 6 manmade lakes boasting a range of habitats and ecosystems
- ❖ Additional farms located in Wiltshire and Northumberland
- ❖ Well Established intern programme with applicants from all over the world



The main facility, Wales



Internship Details at IWC

- ❖ Internships must be a minimum of 2 weeks and can last anything up to 6 months
- ❖ Internships can be linked and merged with current University/College courses
- ❖ Working directly with a fully trained team of dedicated aviculturists, falconers and conservationists.
- ❖ Working Monday – Friday, 8am-5pm with one weekend day.
- ❖ Regular meetings and updates to ensure you are progressing and learning as expected.
- ❖ On site accommodation is provided with all internships. Fully equipped farmhouses, with extra provisions available for overseas interns.
- ❖ Interns are paid a small weekly wage.
- ❖ Based in the beautiful countryside of Carmarthenshire, close to Pembrokeshire Coastline, Preseli Mountains, Skomer Island and Brecon Beacons National Park



Members of our Wiltshire Horn herd welcoming a new member



Staff and Interns relaxing with some of the newest recruits



Basic Intern Requirements

- ❖ Good spoken English
- ❖ Valid Driving Licence (Essential)
- ❖ Willingness to learn and experience new things
- ❖ Capability to work hard and do physically demanding work
- ❖ Ability to work and live in a close-knit team
- ❖ Experience with people from all backgrounds and cultures
- ❖ Competence to work with animals
- ❖ Proven experience in a hands-on role (Desirable but not essential)



Staff, Interns and members of the Yorkshire hawking Club after a day learning and flying



Staff and interns during a falcon shipment



Fox Falcons Aviculture Internships

Period: March – September

Length: 6 months

In excess of 200 stock falcons on site with a capacity to breed around 250 falcons per season, Fox Falcons are one of the UK's leading falcon breeding facilities.

Established in 1985, we are one of the Britain's longest established breeding facilities, producing high quality falcons for Royal Families of the United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait since 1987.



Helping a young mother with her new chicks



Our breeding season starts in early March when the first egg is laid right until the end of September when the young falcons are shipped out to their respective clients.

"Kowhai" – one of our Female New Zealand Falcon imprints



A Male New Zealand Falcon

Interns are able to get a hands-on learning experience with fully trained, dedicated aviculturists.

Falcon species on site include Gyr Falcons, Peregrine Falcons and Saker Falcons.

We also have the only breeding colony of New Zealand falcons outside of New Zealand. This species of falcons, unique to aviculture, provide an exclusive learning experience which cannot be found anywhere else in Europe. First imported in 1983, the colony has provided a steady stream of youngster whilst revealing new data on falcon breeding.

Aspects of Aviculture to observe

❖ Artificial insemination

Observing staff working directly with their male and female imprints of various species

❖ Observing Falcon Breeding Behaviour

Interns will assist and observe the 60 natural pairs of falcons as they monitor for copulations, egg laying and chick rearing via CCTV.

❖ Artificial Incubation

Observing trained staff incubate over 500 eggs in a specifically designed incubation room



The first feed of the day for this young Falcon



❖ **Chick rearing**

Helping and observing feeding young falcon chicks daily.

❖ **Hand rearing imprint falcons**

Working alongside staff to rear and train future breeding imprints.

❖ **Falcon health and welfare**

With a fully equipped lab on site, interns will learn about basic falcon health care and learn basic first aid skills.

❖ **Basic falcon husbandry**

Maintaining the general hygiene of falcon aviaries and the facility.

❖ **Falcon Nutrition**

Food items include quail, rat and pigeon are prepared daily.

❖ **Falcon shipments**

Assisting in the processing of falcons during shipments as well as learning the basic paperwork aspects in addition to accompanying staff to deliver the falcons.



Peregrine Eggs in one of our many incubators

Specific Aviculture Requirements

- ❖ Background knowledge of Falconry (Desirable but not essential)
- ❖ Willingness to work early/late due to chick feeding times
- ❖ Ability to prepare a variety of food items for birds of prey
- ❖ Scientific Background preferred but not essential

For More Info;

<https://www.falcons.co.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/IWCUK/>

https://www.instagram.com/iwc_uk/



Previous Intern Experiences

"I really enjoyed my time at IWC, the staff were very friendly and approachable, and went out of their way to show you every aspect of breeding and training behind the scenes, allowing you to fully understand the entire breeding season."

Amy Wiles 2019

"The skills and knowledge I gained have been invaluable in the jobs I've had since, it is an intense learning curve, but the hard work is definitely worth it."

Alice Dickson 2016

"Memorable moments for me would be working with imprints up close, rearing chicks is also a lot of fun and the opportunity to expand my knowledge on the health and wellbeing of falcons."

James Dickinson 2017

"Being an intern at IWC gave me the stepping stone I needed to change my career"

Darren Weeks 2013



Darren Weeks with one of our young falcons in 2013



James Dickinson during an NCF meet 2017



How to Apply

Visit www.Falcons.co.uk to download the intern application form and send, along with a CV and covering letter to;

interns@Falcons.co.uk

PLEASE NOTE: Intern places are limited each year.

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