Terms of Reference
Global Island Partnership (GLISPA) Fellow

Salary Level: Unpaid
Duration: 6 months negotiable
Travel: No (unless self funded)

Location: New York City, Washington D.C. or in an island region

Description: The Global Island Partnership (GLISPA) assists islands in addressing one of the world’s greatest challenges — to conserve and sustainably utilize invaluable island natural resources that support people, cultures and livelihoods in their island homes around the world.

It is a partnership for all islands, regardless of size or political status, to take bold steps towards greater sustainability. It provides a global platform that enables islands to work together to develop solutions to common problems and to take high-level commitments and actions that address these global challenges.

The Partnership seeks an intern with a passion for nature and the biodiversity of islands to support us in our efforts to catalyze significant commitments to conservation of island biodiversity and sustainable livelihoods. Our Partnership is co-chaired by the Presidents of Seychelles and Palau and Prime Minister of Grenada and is made up representatives from a broad range of organizations and countries including The Nature Conservancy, IUCN, United Nations, Wildlife Conservation Society, WWF and many more that are regionally and nationally based.

This is an excellent way to build your professional network with countries and organizations focused on biodiversity conservation as well as to get practical experience in coordination. Academic credit may be available subject to the academic institutions approval.

Responsibilities include:
The main projects and responsibilities will be finalized based on specific interests and expertise however will broadly relate to:

- Undertaking research into priority issues on islands, specifically ecosystem based adaptation, invasive species and innovative financial mechanisms for climate change adaptation and conservation
- Supporting coordination of strategic high level international events including CBD COP11
- Developing strategies to enhance the profile of the Partnership through use of social media

GLISPA interns have opportunities to:
- Attend seminars and conferences sponsored by the UN and related NGOs and related workshops of interest
- Work with leading experts and professionals in the fields of biodiversity conservation and sustainable development
- Expand into working on initiatives/projects Partnership given successful performance

Qualifications: The successful applicant will:

- Possess a degree or be working on a degree or masters in international public affairs or other relevant program or relevant experience
- Be fluent in English
- An interest or background in conservation of biodiversity and sustainable livelihoods on islands.

To apply: Please email your resume and cover letter to Jessica.robbins@glispa.org or phone 1 202 341 2876.