ARCHE NOAH

Volunteering at ARCHE NOAH in 2027

Sharing our passion and our expertise is one of our priorities. ARCHE NOAH is therefore offering traineeships in its propagation and research gardens from March to October 2027.






Our Areas of activity:
For over 30 years, ARCHE NOAH has been working to conserve endangered cultivated plants. Central to our work is the ARCHE NOAH seed archive, which holds approximately 5,500 accessions and varieties (primarily vegetables, legumes, herbs, cereals, and dye plants). Of these, around 500 varieties are propagated annually under certified organic conditions in our propagation garden in Langenlois and our show garden in Schiltern. The ARCHE NOAH show garden — currently attracting around 9,000 visitors per year — serves primarily educational purposes, featuring annually changing themes, guided tours, and events.

Areas of learning during volunteering:
- Organic gardening: vegetables, herbs, dye and fibre plants, fruit, etc.
- Practical experience in producing true-to-type seed from various cultivated plants: hand pollination, targeted use of pollinating insects, harvesting, seed cleaning, drying, storage, etc.

Topics:
- Traditional and new knowledge regarding the diverse uses of cultivated plants
- Practical knowledge on the cultivation of heirloom and endangered species
- Phytosanitary issues in seed production (identification, plant protection measures)
- Broad and well-founded knowledge on diverse plant species and varieties within the cultivated plant sector

Requirements:
Prior knowledge of crop cultivation is an advantage. Interest, curiosity, and a genuine enjoyment of working outdoors and with people are essential. We would love to see your enthusiasm for the diversity of cultivated plants.

Duration:
Volunteering is possible from March to October. A minimum of 2 months is required, a longer period up to 8 months is also very welcome.

Locations:
Propagation garden in Langenlois and show garden in Schiltern in the Niederösterreich (Lower Austria) region.

Benefits:
We provide a small allowance. In addition, free accommodation in a shared apartment in Langenlois is available. Free participation in ARCHE NOAH educational events during the stay (subject to space availability).

Application:
Please send your application, including a motivation letter and CV, via email to: bewerbung@arche-noah.at or follow the ESC application process.

Note:
You will be registered with the Austrian Health Insurance Fund (ÖGK) for the duration of the voluntary placement.

Recognition:
Voluntary placements at ARCHE NOAH are recognised by relevant universities and universities of applied sciences.