Opportunity to study *Monomorium destructor* in the Galapagos Islands

The Charles Darwin Foundation is seeking a graduate student/researcher to study the invasion process of *Monomorium destructor* and determine the impact it is having on Galapagos ecosystems. *Monomorium destructor* was first reported in the Galapagos archipelago on Floreana Island in 1997. Since then it has been found on Baltra and Isabela Islands. On Baltra it is highly aggressive and is capable of displacing native and introduced ants from baits, including *Solenopsis geminata*. In other parts of the world, *Monomorium destructor* is well known as an urban pest, but little is known about its interactions in natural environments. The aim of this research will be to provide information that can be used to develop a management plan that can be used by the Galapagos National Park Service, and at the same time, increase our knowledge about the ecology and impacts of *M. destructor* in natural ecosystems.

Great field experience and the unique opportunity to work in and help conserve a tropical oceanic archipelago with unique fauna and flora!

**Conditions:**
CDF is able to provide logistical support, lab and office facilities, and discount tickets from Quito to Galapagos. Some inter-island transport costs may also be covered. Researcher is expected to cover his/her travel and lodging costs, as well as to pay all his/her medical costs. Proof of medical insurance will be required.

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