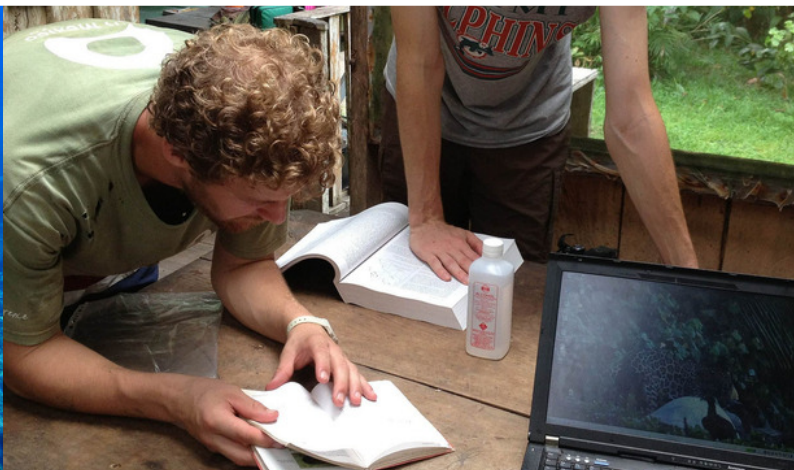




A GVI service-learning program gives students access to skill development and practical experience while engaging with a rigorous curriculum. Geared towards developing capacities in teamwork, leadership, and intercultural competency, our programs are guided by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. We offer students hands-on experience by field experts to complement the theoretical framework learned in the classroom. GVI can deliver a 3-credit service-learning course for your students or work with your faculty to provide academic resources to complement their existing courses.

GVI additionally provides undergraduate and graduate-level internships at each location.



## MARINE BIOLOGY PROJECT DESCRIPTION

GVI projects in marine biology enable students to contribute to solutions for some of the most pressing issues facing ocean conservation and environmental sustainability, alongside an international team and local community members on a long-term, sustainable project.

Our projects are especially suited to marine biology or oceanography majors, and programs can be tailored to desired learning outcomes.

**Example projects especially suited to students with an interest in marine biology include:**

- Getting PADI Advanced and PADI Coral Reef Research Diver qualifications while working on marine species research in the Seychelles;
- Contributing towards the conservation of endangered sea turtles in Greece, Costa Rica, or Mexico;
- Receiving a PADI Divemaster certification while working on tropical coral reefs and fish species research in Fiji.



*I joined for the internship mainly because I wanted some first-hand experience on my path of becoming a marine biologist. What I gained most was the passion and love I have for the ocean and the absolute certainty that I'm on the right career path.*

**Samia Durnin Tabash**  
Marine Biology Student

# OUR IMPACT

Each GVI project is aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and has short, medium, and long-term milestones that focus on achieving benchmarks tailored to specific SDGs. We measure our progress through impact and achievement reports which are shared with all stakeholders. An experience with GVI is one that transforms students by providing them with the skills to affect positive change and the knowledge that inspires a lifetime of deep global engagement.

## HEALTH & SAFETY

With more than 28,000 alumni and a field staff of over 150 permanent employees, our expert team puts health and safety first.

- We run comprehensive risk assessments for each of our project sites;
- Each group or individual will be briefed on our risk assessments and emergency action plans during orientation;
- Our staff live alongside members of the local community year-round in every location in which we operate;
- We know the areas intimately, and have dedicated, experienced professionals available to students and faculty 24-hours a day, 365 days a year.

## EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

GVI works with colleges and universities across the United States and around the world, and has received students from renowned institutions such as:

- Duke University
- Stanford University
- Oxford University
- University of Melbourne
- Ohio State University
- Texas A&M University
- University of Oregon
- Chapman University
- School for International Training (SIT)

