

# PhD placement/PIPS: Developing a book of Madagascar grasses

## Placement supervisor:

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## Placement department:

Grass taxonomy

## Placement overview and objectives:

Contributing to an illustrated field guide for the grasses of Madagascar being created within Kew to be delivered to a diverse non-scientific audience.

This placement will communicate the diversity of vegetation in Madagascar to a range of audiences that might not otherwise know about Kew's work. Overall, this work contributes to P4- Accelerated Taxonomy

## Tasks to be undertaken/possible projects:

- Edit fieldwork photographs and turn into photographic plates ready for botanical illustrations.
- Liaise with partners in different institutions and countries.
- Write in an accessible format and language.

## Required skills and experience:

- Passionate about learning and science with a curiosity about biodiversity.
- Meticulous and organised with tasks.
- Attentive to detail.
- Practical, flexible, and able to problem solve.
- A team player.

## Skills and areas of knowledge that can be developed:

- Written skills for a diverse non-scientific audience.
- Editing of photographs.
- Professional communication when liaising with institutions.
- Learn about entire process of making a book from scratch.

Location of work:

Kew, Richmond

Length of placement:

3 months

Provisional start date:

Early November 2023

Deadline for applications:

6<sup>th</sup> October 2023