

	Volunteer Position
Job Title :	Program Operations Volunteer
Objectives :	Elephantstay has been operating since 2006 and although we have achieved a lot in this time we need enthusiastic qualified and committed people to move forward and achieve an even better life for elephants. We are looking for people who want to be a real part of elephant conservation at its best.
Duties and Responsibilities :	You will be assisting with the people who participate in the Elephantstay program. You will have plenty of direct contact with the elephants. Duties include cleaning, feeding, diet preparation, etc of elephants. Our primary concern is the elephant's welfare and the safety of our participants. You may also be required to assist with the elephant painting project.
Qualifications and Requirements :	Must enjoy working with people from all countries. Experience working with animals is an advantage. A good work ethic. Ability to follow instructions. Good communication skills. Sense of humour. Social skills. Physically fit. Ability to work in a hot tropical climate. Ability to work in a small team with little instruction. Fluent English speaker. Culturally sensitive and aware.
Lines of Communication :	Report to Operations Director
Orientation and Training :	As part of your training, you will participate in the Elephantstay program for 3 days. Please check the website for additional information. After that you will be under the supervision and training of the Operations Officer to perform duties as required.
Commitment Required :	Minimum of 4 weeks commitment. Cost is to cover accommodation, food and training. 4 weeks - 30,000 baht 12 weeks – 50,000 baht Longer period on application. Cost does not include airfares, visas, insurance, transfers.
Benefits :	The work is free contact with elephants. At this stage we have eight elephants under our management, which will be the main elephants you will be getting to know and be working with. Depending on your length of stay and your progress there may be opportunities to assist with other elephants. We have about 80 elephants on site so you will have exposure and contact with many of them including baby elephants still with their mothers, and bull elephants. Elephantstay is situated in the heart of a working elephant village so there is also the advantage of learning about and interacting with people from another culture.

Special Considerations :	Working with people and elephants in free contact can be a physically and mentally challenging experience. The work can be physically hard and the hours are long. Volunteers should be physically fit as well as be prepared to work in a hot tropical climate.
Inclusions :	Housing is provided on site. Single air-conditioned room and western bathroom, Bedding and towels are provided. Drinking water, tea, coffee, hot chocolate are provided. Most meals are provided. Snacks, juices, sodas, alcohol, etc are not provided but can be bought locally. Free wireless internet access for people with laptops, etc.
Application and Contact Details:	Send a cover letter, resume and references via Email to elephantstay@elephantstay.com The letter should cover your areas of interest, goals, and what you can offer Elephantstay by being a volunteer and your preferred dates. Applicants will be notified by email as soon as possible. Please contact elephantstay@elephantstay.com for availability and start dates