



AMESFELLOWSHIP
STRONGER TOGETHER FOR A BETTER WORLD

AMES FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2026



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ABOUT THE AMES FOUNDATION



WHO WE ARE

AMES IS A ~~NON-PROFIT~~ FOR-IMPACT ORGANIZATION



AMES is a community of entrepreneurs, decision makers, and investors who all share a **passion for African Wildlife and biodiversity**.



Since 2020 we **think big and** use **entrepreneurial approaches** as well as **technology** in our conservation work.



Our members are called Guardians. We have **over 200 Guardians to date**. We exchange ideas, push each other forward and celebrate the small success stories along the way.

OUR MISSION IS TO **MAKE AFRICAN WILDLIFE CONSERVATION PROFITABLE AND SCALABLE**



THE SITUATION WE ARE FACING: WE ARE IN A STATE OF CRISIS

20.000

African Adult elephants
are Killed for their ivory
p.a., 55 everyday

550

Rhinos killed p.a.,
1 every 16 hours

>90%

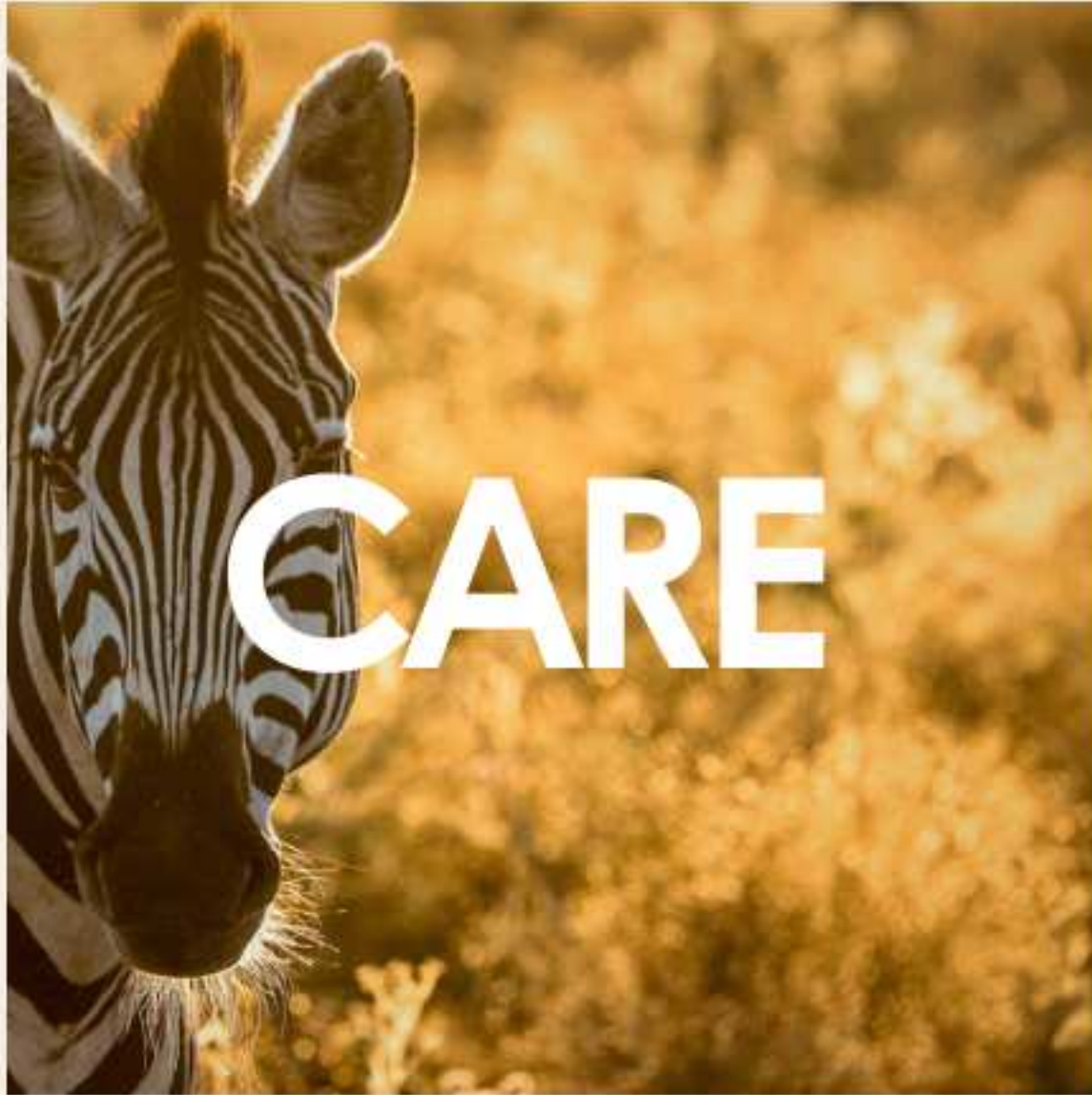
of Africa's elephant
and rhinos have
been wiped out in
the last century.

**IF WE DON'T ACT NOW, WE WILL REACH POINTS OF NO
RETURN: RHINOS AND ELEPHANTS WILL BE EXTINCT BY
2040 (AMONGST MANY OTHERS)**

THE AMES FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM



DO YOU...



about our planet's incredible **biodiversity** and **wildlife**, and about us people that depend on it?



on ground doing conservation work in South Africa to **preserve** the unique nature and **protect** endangered species?



that individual effort matters and **together we can make** a real change?

THEN THE AMES CONSERVATION FELLOWSHIP IS PERFECT FOR YOU!

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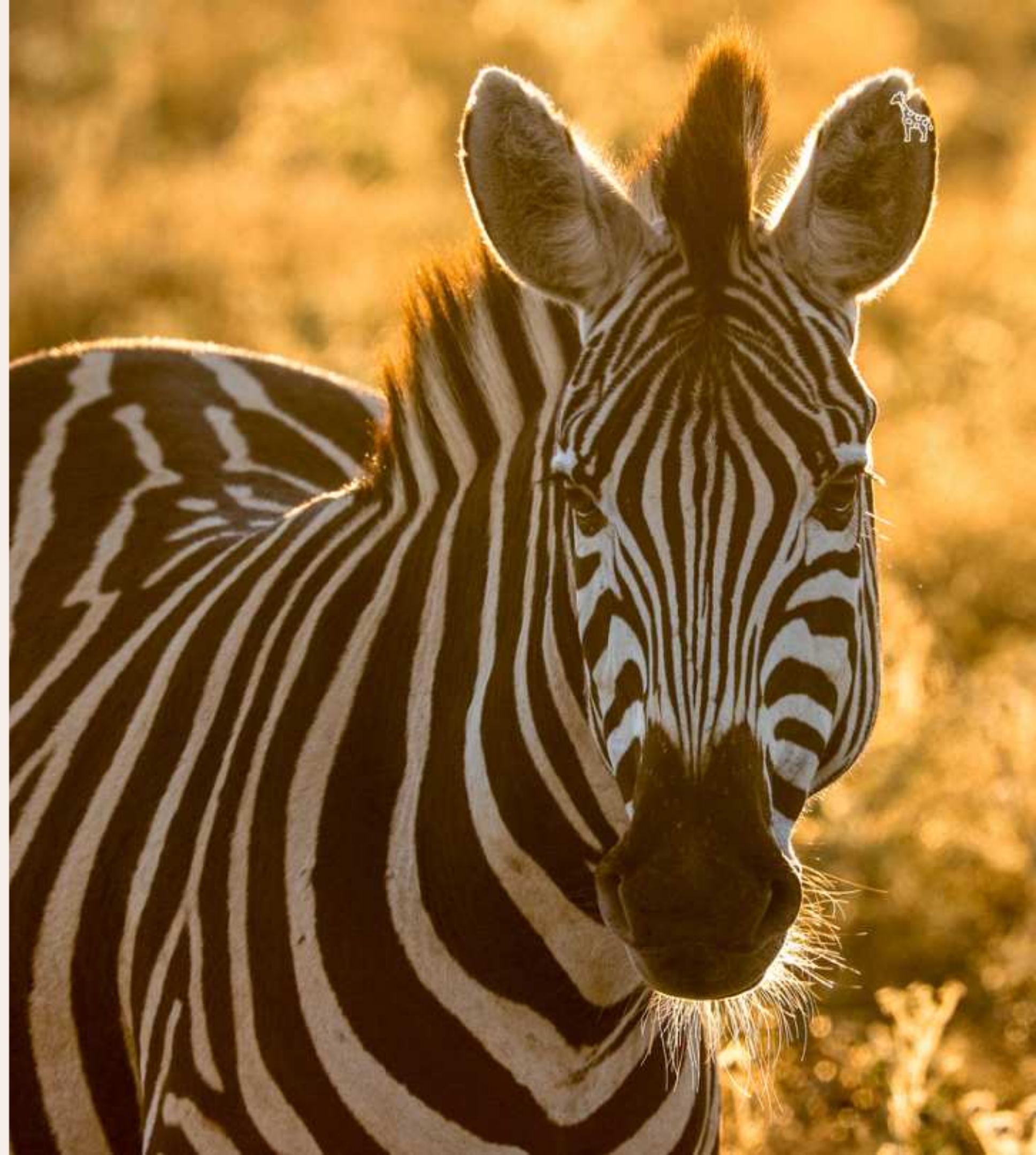
The conservation volunteering program aims at giving people who **care** about our planet's incredible **biodiversity, wildlife, people** and are aware of its **interdependency, believes** that individual effort matters and together we can create real change. **Taking action** on ground, conversation work in South Africa preserves the unique nature and protect endangered species.

The participants are called **FELLOWS**. Fellows can be anyone from any background as long as they share the desire and are driven to protect our planet's biodiversity and wildlife.

DRIVEN

ENGAGING

IMPACTFUL





OUR FELLOWS CONTRIBUTE TO REAL CONSERVATION WORK ACTIVELY PROTECTING ENDANGERED SPECIES

As a conservation fellow you will...



Gain **hands-on experience** in wildlife conservation, gaining insight into managing protected areas, collaborating with conservationists, and ensuring ecosystem sustainability while **building valuable skills**.



Work with **wild animals** and build knowledge regarding **wildlife research** monitoring techniques, and contribute to the ongoing research projects and data collection.



Develop **bush interpretation** and **tracking skills, anti-poaching knowledge** and get to know animal behavior, tracks, and more on game drives.



Dive into **South African culture** and customs, experience and connect with the country's beautiful nature and collect memorable moments.

YOUR STAY



THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

ELIGIBILITY:	Applicants must be 17+, passionate about conservation, physically fit, and proficient in English.
DESTINATION:	Dabchick Reserve, Limpopo, South Africa
DURATION/COST:	2-4 week stay / 650€ per week
DATE:	individually organized
FELLOW HOURS:	07:00 to 18:00 Monday to Saturday, Sundays are off
ACCOMMODATION:	Room in a big tent (max. 2 PAX) with bathroom Max. capacity 8 people
YOU FURTHER NEED:	• Flights • Visa (please verify requirements) • Travel and medical insurance



A TYPICAL WEEK AS CONSERVATION FELLOW

Our fellows' first week is mostly focused on getting familiar with the surroundings and wildlife whilst the second week targets a deeper understanding of conservation work on ground. You will spend a lot of time in the field, where the magic happens.

Your 2 week stay will deepen your involvement with conservation work, the more responsibility you can take on, and the more creative you can get! Design your own project or conduct important research to sustainably improve our conservation work, if desired.

Sundays are arrival and departure days: Please ensure that your flights arrive in JOHANNESBURG (JNB) until 10:00 am and don't depart JOHANNESBURG (JNB) before 06:00 pm.



SUNDAY: ARRIVAL IN DABCHICK

Arrive to the reserve, participate in a short briefing, enjoy dinner and settle in

MONDAY & TUESDAY

Get familiar with your surrounding and go on guided Game Drives and Walks.

DURING THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Participate in a number of conservation and intercultural activities, including morning game drives to track & monitor the animals, various anti-poaching activities, as well as research & lectures. You will learn a lot about the local ecosystem and our animals along the way.

EXTENDED STAY PERIOD

If you are only staying with us for two weeks, Sunday marks the day of your departure.



A PICTURE IS WORTH MORE THAN A THOUSAND WORDS...





My experience was amazing! Everyday came with new knowledge [...].
I highly recommend the Fellowship Program to anyone looking for a unique adventure.

**Julius Buse, 22, Investment Banking and Private Equity Intern
AMES Conservation Fellow (2024)**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



WHAT TO PACK

CLOTHING & SHOES

- Neutral- or khaki-coloured shirts
- Neutral- or khaki-coloured t-shirts
- Neutral- or khaki-coloured shorts
- Pair of long pants (winter)
- Pyjamas, Underwear & socks
- Warm jacket or fleece
- Raincoat or poncho
- Closed walking shoes & hiking boots
- Flipflops or sandals
- Gaiters to protect ankles (optional)
- Beanie and Scarf (in winter)

IMPORTANT ITEMS

- Physical Passport
- Photocopies of your Passport / ID
- Credit Card & Cash
- Insurance Documents
- Power bank
- Sunscreen & Insect Repellent
- Travel medicine

ACCESSORIES & TOOLS

Note: bedding and towels will be provided. Please bring your own toiletries.

- Stationary (pen & paper)
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Backpack for activities
- Binoculars (optional)
- Phone, Charger & Earphones
- Camera, Memory Card
- Personal toiletries (incl. shampoo)

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

- Laptop and/or Tablet
- Extra Batteries for headlamp, etc.
- Sweets & snacks like energy and protein bars, nuts, etc.
- Ohropax
- Card games and alike



FAQS & ADDITIONAL REMARKS

How do I get to the reserve?

The closest airport is O.R. Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg. Please inform us of your flight schedule so that we can arrange transport to the reserve and back for the whole group.

What vaccines do I need? Please discuss medical precautions with a doctor early on and use a good insect repellent to protect yourself. Dabchick is a **Malaria free** Game Reserve. More information: <https://www.passporthealthusa.com/destination-advice/south-africa/>

Do I need an insurance? We strongly advise that you obtain adequate travel and comprehensive medical insurance. Some insurances cover you outside your country of residence, too, so please check the terms and conditions of yours.

What do I need to consider regarding noise levels? Please ensure a moderate noise level when playing music, watching a movie, making a call to avoid interfering with the natural environment. If possible, please use headphones.

What are the meals offered? Tea, coffee, biscuits, fresh fruit and cereal or warm porridge for breakfast during the week and a wholesome English breakfast on Sundays. Sandwiches with different fillings for lunch, we enjoy a balanced, warm meal served with meat and vegetables for dinner. Please inform us upfront in case of dietary restrictions. You can buy anything else you would like during the weekly shopping trip.



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