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**Project type:**  
Seafood products processing

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## Internship Placement

**Organization:** Department Seafood Product Processing, College of Aquaculture and Fisheries, Can Tho University

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### 1. Project work description

Seafood product processing has played an important role in Vietnam since aquaculture production increased with the diversified culture species. In order to increase the value of aquaculture products, many types of value added products have been studied and produced e.g. canned, dried, surimi products. The Department of Seafood Product Processing, College of Aquaculture and Fisheries, Can Tho university (DSPP-CAF-CTU) has recently developed different types of value added processed products for examples spiced fish paste canned products, spiced dried fish, smoked fish and fish paste products. The DSPP-CAF-CTU has three main seafood processing laboratories where have been used for research, training and teaching. These include food safety labs, product processing labs and microbiological labs. The internship student(s) who apply to work on this topic can do the following works:

- Practice on production of spiced fish paste canned products
- Practice on production spiced dried fish
- Practice on production smoked fish products
- Practice on other different types of value added products
- Laboratory works on products quality assessment through sensory property, chemical and microbiological analysis.

### 2. Placement description

The Department of Seafood Product Processing, College of Aquaculture and Fisheries, Can Tho University is located in the campus 2, Xuan Khanh ward, Ninh Kieu district, Can Tho city, Vietnam. Can Tho city is well known as the center of the Mekong River Delta. The department was fully equipped with different processing machinery, lab ware and analytical instrument. Other supported equipment/tools for seafood product processing are also available.

### 3. How to get there?

There are several ways to get to Can Tho city. If the international students, they can arrive in Tan Son Nhat international airport (Ho Chi Minh city) or Can Tho International airport (Can Tho city). In case of Tan Son Nhat int'l airport, students can take a taxi to Mien Tay bus station (30-45 minutes; US\$ 10) and then a bus from Mien Tay bus station to Can Tho (about 3,5 hours; US\$ 7-8). If Can Tho Int'l airport is by taxi (about 20 minutes, US\$ 7-8).

### 4. Living conditions



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There are available cheap hotel for rent surrounding the university with the cost of IS\$ 20-30 USD/day. Rooms of the int'l dormitory of the University is also available if booked in advance with the cost of 100-200 \$/month without or with air condition. Meal costs US\$ 1.5-2.0 on average.

## 5. Climate

Can Tho city locates in tropical region. Therefore, the weather is warm all year round, but there are two seasons a year, dry season from December to April and wet/rain season from May to November to October. The average temperature is about 27°C (often occur in April or May) and lowest is about 20°C (occur in December or January). The average rainfall is 1,850mm.

## 6. Culture

It is important to respect local culture and traditions. Cover-up dresses are required. Shoes or sandal does not matter but most of the time you will need to walk; therefore, light sport shoes/trainers will be suitable. Dress conservatively; casual clothing is suitable while working at the hatchery - T-shirts, shorts and sandals are appropriate.

## 7. Host arranges

- Dormitory type accommodation nearby
- Subsidized rate for food wherever possible
- Work space and computer and internet facilities
- Materials and animal for the study

## 8. Interns are responsible for the followings

- International airfare
- Transportation from and to the airport
- Fees for visa/passport
- Food and drinks (approx. about US\$ 1.5-2 per meal)
- Any costs of trips, trainings, and others arranged personally
- Insurance and costs of damages due to personal negligence
- Tuition fee to be discussed

## 9. Miscellaneous

Travel medical kit, flash light, umbrella or rain coat, few books, a towel and toiletries. In fact, these are available locally at cheap prices.

