

Student placements with Para La Tierra 2022

At Para La Tierra, we are offering students the opportunity to explore Paraguay's unique habitats and culture, while gaining hands-on experience in conservation efforts.

Fundación Para La Tierra is a Paraguayan award-winning research and conservation organisation. We are dedicated to the conservation of fragile habitats in Paraguay, with the vision to change the course of Paraguayan environmentalism by inspiring people to appreciate the value of nature.

We achieve our mission through three primary initiatives: Scientific Research, Community Engagement, and Environmental Education.

Para La Tierra offers professionally supervised internships, volunteer opportunities and online courses in these three areas to help students boost their career prospects while contributing to long-term conservation in Paraguay. A vast majority of our former interns and volunteers are able to transfer their experience with us into a successful start to their master's studies, PhD programmes, and postgraduate careers.

Our internship programme offers students the opportunity to develop and conduct their own project in either conservational research or environmental education under supervision of our award-winning staff members.

Young biologists are given the chance to step out of the classroom and into the field, gaining hands-on experience running a research project of their own design. Paraguay's highly understudied fauna and habitats offer the perfect study environment for conducting ground-breaking research with a grand chance of publishing results. Over the past 12 years, Para La Tierra discovered more than 10 new species and has published over 130 peer-reviewed articles with the help of more than 500 interns.

We also offer students interested in environmental education the opportunity to take part in our Eco-Club programme Voces de la Naturaleza. Founded in 2015, it was designed to transform the way that Paraguayan youth learn about their environment. Throughout the past 7 years, our Voces de la Naturaleza programme has grown into a network of 36 Eco-Clubs, providing a safe space for hundreds of children to engage their creativity and learn about the natural world. Our education interns get the opportunity to be part of this incredible journey while gaining hands-on experience in educational techniques.

Besides our internship programme, we offer short- and long-term volunteer opportunities. Students will be able to participate in a variety of projects, giving them the chance to obtain a plethora of new skills and to build confidence in using scientific and community engagement techniques. This is an amazing opportunity for students to find out about their interests and passions while experiencing Paraguayan culture.

To complete our programmes, we offer online courses for students that don't have the chance to come out to Paraguay. Our 'Primatology and Primate Conservation' course provides in-depth classes about primate behaviour, field techniques, and primate conservation, led by Paraguay's leading primatologist Dr Rebecca Smith.

The 'Sustainable Communities & Environmental Change in Latin America' course is an interdisciplinary social science and humanities field school for students interested in sustainable

development, nature conservation, and socio-ecological change. Run by five field experts across Latin America it offers insights into critical development and conservation issues.

All of our programmes are available year-round and can be adapted to the student's interests and availability. We also provide course credits for these opportunities.

Students can apply for our programmes or learn more at www.paralatierra.org, or contact me directly under olivia@paralatierra.org.

We would love to hear back from you if you are interested in offering our organisation as a placement opportunity and hope you will circulate these unique experiences to your students, faculties, and departments.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Best wishes,

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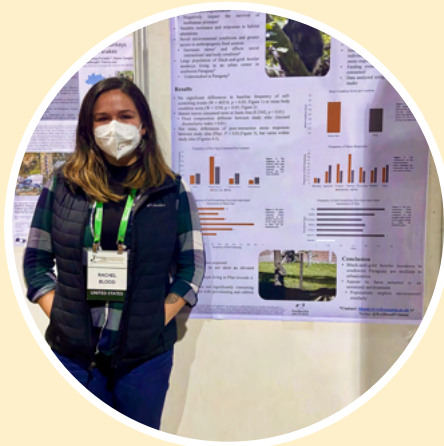


Fundación Para La Tierra is a non-profit organisation dedicated to the conservation of fragile habitats in Paraguay through **scientific research, community engagement, and environmental education.**

PLT was founded in Paraguay over ten years ago and has contributed to the strengthening movement of environmental awareness and scientific investigation, supported by our international internship and volunteer programme.

PLT's Achievements

- > **120** new records for Paraguay
- > **100** scientific papers published
- > **10** new species discovered



Interns' Achievements

- > **200** research projects
- > **150** careers in conservation
- > **30** scientific articles published and under review
- > **13** PhDs & PhD candidates

JOIN OUR MISSION!

Field Experiences

Design a science, community, or museum project in Paraguay through our internship and volunteer programme, contributing directly to conservation efforts.



Online Courses

Learn remotely about primatology and primate conservation from Paraguay's leading primatologist, or about sustainable communities and environmental change in Latin America from National Geographic Explores working in non-profit organisations across Latin America.



FIELD EXPERIENCES

Para La Tierra offers you the amazing chance of experiencing Paraguay's unique wildlife and habitats as well as its great community!

You can choose to participate in scientific field studies or collaborate with the environmental education programme, gaining professional experience in either field.

Depending on your level of experience, you can join the programme as a volunteer or as an intern.



Unique Habitats

Para La Tierra conducts its research across three habitats:

- Ñeembucu wetlands: an area of 8000km² surrounding the city of Pilar
- Upper Paraná Atlantic forest: subtropical semi-deciduous forest
- Dry Chaco: largest dry forest in South America



Wildlife Projects

Design and conduct your own wildlife project under supervision of our award-winning researchers and contribute directly to long-term research in Paraguay.

Available topics include:

- Primatology
- Entomology
- Herpetology
- Ornithology
- Mammalogy
- Museum Studies
- Freshwater Ecology
- Habitat Monitoring



Environmental Education

By collaborating with the Voces de la Naturaleza programme, you will help children develop and strengthen soft skills through active learning and by engaging their curiosity. You will help kids understand how ecosystems work and why they need to be protected.

Working with children is incredibly rewarding and will help boost any career in social sciences or international studies.



ONLINE COURSES

Primates and Primate Conservation

Para La Tierra offers an in-depth online course in Primatology and Primate Conservation with video lectures and relevant scientific literature, giving a broad understanding of the order of primates, primate behaviour, an introduction to different field techniques and how they can be applied to different studies, how to design a successful field project, and different aspects of primate conservation.

This course was created by our Executive Director and Paraguay's leading primatologist – Dr. Rebecca Smith. It was designed to be a guide on world-wide primatology science and conservation.

The course includes 30h of video lectures, one-on-one mentorship with Dr. Rebecca Smith, course evaluations and access to the student forum.



Sustainable Communities & Environmental Change in Latin America

This certificate course is an interdisciplinary social science and humanities field school aimed at both university students and life-learners alike. It is for those interested in sustainable development, nature conservation, and socioecological change.

This course offers seminars, virtual field-trips, and one-to-one mentorship by field experts across Latin America. It will give you an inside look at critical development and conservation issues, while supporting local communities and grassroots non-profit organisations.

It was created in collaboration with 5 NGOs based in Latin America. The course runs three times per year and will soon be opening as a fully asynchronous online option.



CONDITIONS & COSTS



Event and Monthly Costs	Details
Field Internship: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$ 1195 (for month 1 & 2) • \$ 995 (from month 3) Field Volunteership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$ 1245 (for month 1 & 2) • \$ 1045 (from month 3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A bed in a shared dorm with access to a bathroom and separate shower room • Access to WiFi • Three varied meals each day • Unlimited coffee, tea, yerba mate and juice • Personal pick-up from the bus terminal in Pilar • Assistance with project development and execution • Access to all necessary scientific and educational equipment • Transportation to field sites • Invitation to participate in all PLT projects, trips and events
Primates and Conservation Online Course: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$324.99 (one-time payment only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to our online course materials • Course evaluations • One-on-one live sessions with course instructor • Access to the primatology student forum
Virtual Field School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$395 (one-time payment only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrated presentations & virtual fieldtrips • Live Q&As with National Geographic Explorers • Experiencing stunning landscapes and Latin American local communities

Both Field and Online Experiences include a Certificate of Completion, a course transcript, as well as an academic reference on request.

If you are looking for sources of funding to support your PLT experience, we have a list of suggested grants: paralatierra.org/scholarships

HOW TO APPLY:

Please send a cover letter and a CV to Olivia Zickgraf at olivia@paralatierra.org

CONTACT US:

