

Program Description for Prospective Faculty

Program: ECUADOR

Approximate Program Dates: Four weeks in May/June (Subject to change – final dates are set in August prior to the fall faculty orientation.)

Program Focus: The primary focus for this program is biology, genetics, evolution, and environmental science. While course proposals are accepted outside of these fields, all proposals should relate to this focus in some way to utilize the experience of being in the Galápagos Islands.

Program Description:

The Galápagos Islands are sites of incredible natural beauty due to biological diversity that has been preserved with minimal impact from human colonization. The crystal-clear waters of the Galápagos sustain schools of fish with brilliant colors, playful sea lions, dolphins, sharks, and sea turtles. But the beauty of the Galápagos extends beyond the wildlife of the ocean. On land, the flora and fauna of these islands is equally as diverse. Lava lizards, land iguanas, pelicans, flamingos, giant tortoises, swallow-tailed gulls, and blue-footed boobies are just some of the animals that make their home here. The land is covered with unique variety of large trees in the highlands, as well as cacti, mangroves, and other dry-adapted species in the coastal regions. The organisms of the Galápagos inspired Charles Darwin with ideas about how life of Earth has changed over time.

Responsibilities Prior to Departure:

Attend Faculty and Student Orientations
Recruit
Provide Syllabus

Responsibilities during the Program:

Teach Course
Assist with Excursions
Assist with Program Operations

Benefits:

Taxable two thousand dollar honorarium (paid through your institution), individual single seat round trip airline ticket from Nashville, Tennessee, all in country ground transportation, housing, food, excursions including entry fees, and limited health insurance during the program abroad.

Expenses not covered by TnCIS:

Transportation to/from the airport, travel expenses to the faculty/student orientations, passport, full coverage health insurance, non-program sponsored excursions and entry fees, passport, personal spending money.