

Program Description for Prospective Faculty

Program: ECUADOR

Approximate Program Dates: Four weeks in June/July (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. Course proposals outside these fields are strongly encouraged as long as they incorporate one or more of these topics to maximize 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. Historically, the islands are significant as the organisms of the Galápagos inspired Charles Darwin with ideas about how life on Earth has changed over time. The crystal-clear waters surrounding the Galápagos sustain brilliantly colored schools of fish, playful sea lions, dolphins, sharks, and sea turtles. On the volcanic islands, the terrestrial flora and fauna is equally as diverse. Lava lizards, land iguanas, pelicans, flamingos, frigate birds, and blue-footed boobies are just some of the animals that make their home here. Despite having a small surface area, the islands have varied ecological zones that change with elevation, which is especially noticeable with the flora. 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. Some of the organisms, like the giant tortoises and marine iguanas, are found nowhere else in the world.

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 \$2200.00 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.