

Earth Sciences

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Go Abroad in Earth Sciences

What better way to study Earth Science than to travel the Earth and see it for yourself? The Earth Sciences Program offers Bachelor of Science degrees with options in Ocean Science, Geography, and Geology. Maximize your experience and gain an experience of a lifetime that will benefit you both professionally and personally by expanding your knowledge beyond the borders of the United States. No matter what your area of interest is; earth, ocean, and atmosphere; in marine and terrestrial ecology and hydrology; and in natural resource and environmental management and planning, no matter your desired location, or pursuit of a new language, there is a program for you!



Earth Sciences major Grady Guerrant spent a term studying abroad in Botswana and expanding on his knowledge of Earth Sciences.

What types of international experiences can I participate in?

• Study Abroad:

Students can study abroad at a variety of international English-speaking schools where they can focus on their major requirements and interests. Students can also elect to study abroad for intensive terms to work on a foreign language. Students who achieve a high enough proficiency in another language can choose to study their major in several other languages around the world.

• IE3 Global Internships:

IE3 Global Internships facilitate international internships for students around the world. Students can generally do internships starting in their junior year. During internships, students can earn up to 12 upper-division credits per term at OSU.



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INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES CAN HELP YOU...

- Gain research experience
- Learn about international perspectives
- Gain new science-based professional skills
- Improve your language skills
- Expand your cross-cultural communication and problem-solving skills
- Globalize your world view and prepare for work in an increasingly diverse and international workplace

Can I afford an international experience?

Yes! If going abroad is a priority, there is generally a way to make it affordable. Early planning for international experiences helps students make cost-effective program decisions, and it also helps them prepare their finances through savings, scholarships, and financial aid. There is a great deal of variation in costs between programs, and students should carefully consider all of their options before making a decision. Students can apply financial aid and scholarships to approved international programs and, in some cases, financial aid eligibility will increase to cover additional expenses. When comparing the cost of programs abroad, be sure to look at the estimated costs of attending OSU for living and tuition. In many cases the cost of an international opportunity can be comparable or not much more than attending OSU, and the difference can be made up with scholarships or financial aid. The latest estimates for attending OSU can be found at: financialaid.oregonstate.edu/review_costofattendance

Will it take me longer to graduate if I go abroad?

With planning, Earth Science students can complete an undergraduate degree in four years which could involve up to a year of education abroad experiences.

STUDENTS WHO CHOOSE TO GO ABROAD MAY ALSO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Students can apply for scholarships through the International Programs Office.
- Students who meet certain criteria such as studying specific languages or being from a small town in Oregon can apply for additional scholarships.
- All OSU students can apply to the OSU Research Office for URISC (Undergraduate Research, Innovation, Scholarship, & Creativity) grants to support their undergraduate research abroad. See the URISC Website research.oregonstate.edu/incentive/undergraduate-research-innovation-scholarship-creativity-urisc for details.
- International Degree students can seek additional funding through the International Programs Office for their experience abroad. More information about these scholarships can be found at international.oregonstate.edu/degree/scholarships
- All OSU students can apply for numerous national awards that offer larger scholarships. These scholarships are competitive and often have early deadlines so planning ahead is essential. Contact the [International Programs Office](#) for more information.

When Should I go Abroad?

- **Freshman Year:** Students should begin planning for a future study abroad or IE3 Internship while taking basic science and math requirements and BC courses.
- **Sophomore Year:** Students can study abroad for the entire year or for a single term while completing Earth Sciences Core requirements. Students may take some specialization are courses this year. Consult with your academic advisor to fine-tune your course schedule for junior and senior years to accommodate your international experience.
- **Sophomore/Junior Summer:** Students can study abroad for the entire year or a single term.
- **Junior Year:** Students could do an international experience for a single term or a year. Students planning to do a semester abroad should do so in the fall, so that they return to OSU in time for winter and spring terms.
- **Junior/Senior Summer:** Students can study abroad or do an IE3 Global Internship.
- **Senior Year:** Students can study abroad or do an IE3 Global Internship, as they generally have fewer series courses. However, it is important to confirm with your advisor. It is generally not a good idea to go abroad the last term of senior year.
- **Senior Summer:** Some students choose to go abroad during their senior summer. In particular, students have done an IE3 Global Internship to cap off their undergraduate career. Students can still participate in Commencement in the spring as long as they complete their coursework for graduation over the summer of fall.

How do I select an international program?

- **Start planning now.** Begin to plan at least six months in advance of going abroad. Give yourself time to research programs and talk to advisors and students who have gone abroad to the site(s) you are interested in. It is never too early to start planning.
- **Set goals.** There is not one program best suited for all students. The best one for you depends on your specific needs and wants. If you plan to study abroad, one important consideration is whether you want to study a language, focus on your major, minor, electives, or Baccalaureate Core courses.
- **Prioritize your goals.** Consider your long-term academic and professional goals, as well as your on-campus degree requirements. Study abroad courses may count toward courses in your major, while internships give you upper-division credits and a valuable professional experience.
- **Prepare academically.** You may need to take language or other prerequisite courses for your chosen program. You should also talk to your academic advisor about the timing of when you take sequences or single-term courses related to progress in your major. IE3 Internships are open to juniors and seniors. Students can study abroad as sophomores.

What are my first and next steps?

IE3 GLOBAL INTERNSHIPS STEPS

1. View the online First Steps presentation:
oregonstate.edu/instruct/dce/idea/fs/
2. Research internships
 - Check the list of IE3 Global Internship positions at the back of this brochure.
 - Research IE3 Global Internships:
oregonstate.edu/ie3
Use the descriptions to find out more about the internship site – type and size of organization, position requirements, length and timing, etc.
 - Come up with a list of several internship options that look good to you.
3. Talk to an academic advisor in your department
 - Make a plan for the timing of your internship, based on your program requirements and availability of your major courses.
4. Complete the [pre-advising form](#) by following the instructions provided in the First Steps presentation and [email](#) with your availability or bring to your Next Steps (peer-advising appointment) with an International Ambassador.



“I honestly had such a wonderful time, which is why I decided to stay the entire year. I felt so at home there, made life long connections and instantly fell in love with the country.”

-Emily Martin, Lincoln University, New Zealand

5. Meet with an education abroad advisor (to be scheduled following your Next Steps meeting) at OSU GO to discuss questions, applications and other information about each program.
6. Application
 - Fill out the OSU GO application by clicking the ‘apply now’ button on the [OSU GO internship page](#).
 - There is a second application found on [IE3 Global’s website](#) specific to your internship
 - Take note of application deadlines. (Deadlines for IE3 Global Internships are generally two terms prior to departure.
 - Application deadlines can be found at website referred to in step two.
 - Applications typically include recommendation forms, essays, a current resume and college transcripts.
 - Plan to start your application one month before it is due.

STUDY ABROAD STEPS

1. View the online First Steps presentation to learn the basics of education abroad: types of programs, credits, scholarships and financial aid.
oregonstate.edu/instruct/dce/idea/fs/
2. Check the list of study abroad options in this document, research programs you are interested in at the International Programs website: international.oregonstate.edu/osugo/programs/search and/or come to University Plaza for any questions to be answered by ambassadors.
3. Talk to an academic advisor in your department
 - Make a plan for the timing of your study abroad, based on your program requirements and availability of your major courses.
4. Complete the [pre-advising form](#) by following the instructions provided in the First Steps presentation and [email](#) with your availability or bring to your Next Steps (peer-advising appointment).
5. After you've attended a Next Steps meeting, schedule an appointment with a study abroad advisor by calling 541-737-3006 or following your Next Steps meeting with the help of an ambassador. The advisor can answer your questions regarding further site specific information and the application process.
6. Application
 - Fill out the OSU GO application by clicking the 'apply now' button on the specific OSU GO program page.
 - Complete all items on your dashboard
 - Take note of application deadlines. Each program has a specific application deadline. Deadlines are typically six months before the start of the program. Application deadlines can be found on each program webpage.
- Plan to start your application one month before it is due.
- There is a second application required. This will be found on the program provider's website. Follow the link listed on the OSU GO program page.
7. Final Course Selection
 - Research specific courses that would be offered at the foreign university during your time abroad. Find out what an average course load is for students at the foreign university.
 - Fill out an Academic Planning form found at: international.oregonstate.edu/osugo/academic-resources/academic-planning-form and make an appointment with your Academic Advisor to discuss what you have come up with.

Finalize your course plan before you leave and keep in contact with your Academic Advisor if you have any questions while abroad.

DEFINITIONS: Program provider: Company providing international experiences to US college students [CIEE, IFSA-Butler, AHA, API, SIT, SFS, IE3-Global, SAS, SEA Semester]

OSU Exchange: OSU students take classes with host-country students; these can be more competitive, but allow Oregon-residents to pay in-state tuition while studying abroad

Direct Enrollment: OSU students enroll in university courses with host country students and pay host university tuition or program provider rates [OSU, IE3 Global, IFSA-Butler]

Departmental/Faculty-led: Program led or sponsored by OSU department

STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

Contact International Programs

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MULTIPLE COUNTRIES

[PACIFIC OR ATLANTIC S.E.A. PROGRAM](#)

SEA Semester is a 12-week or 8-week study abroad program for undergraduates that combines academic study on shore with a sailing research voyage at sea. Each SEA Semester includes foundational coursework in oceanography, maritime studies, and nautical science, and is designed to offer a multidisciplinary platform from which to study our oceans. Available: fall, winter, winter-spring Language Requirements: English.

AFRICA

[SIT-TOLANARO, MADAGASCAR](#)

Madagascar's unique evolutionary path has produced immeasurable contributions to the world's biodiversity — more than 80 percent of the flora and fauna in Madagascar are endemic. This program offers classroom and field-based instruction in natural and social scientific methods to encourage students to analyze environmental issues in an array of ecosystems — including rainforest, dry spiny forest, alpine and transitional forest, savannah, gallery and littoral forest, mangrove, and coral reef — and within multiple economic, socio-political, and cultural contexts. Available: Fall, spring Language Requirements: French/ Malagasy/English

[STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY, SOUTH AFRICA](#)

The Sustainability and Community study abroad program in Stellenbosch provides you with both a theoretical grounding and practical experience in urban studies, ecology, community, and sustainable living. Available: Fall and Spring Language Requirements: English/ Afrikaans

[SIT-ZANZIBAR, TANZANIA](#)

The Zanzibar archipelago - composed of the major islands, Unguja

and Pemba, as well as many smaller islands - is located at the juncture of a multitude of historical, cultural, political, economic, and ecological crosscurrents. Its coral reefs, beaches, and mangrove and coastal forests are home to rare and endangered species such as red colobus monkey, the green sea turtle, and the blue duiker. Available: fall, winter-spring. Language requirement: English/Swahili.

ASIA

[CIEE-BEIJING, CHINA](#)

Students at all Chinese communication levels will engage in appropriate courses to develop their skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing in Mandarin. They will get hands-on experience during two extended trips to areas outside of Beijing to rural communities. Students will then spend ten days in an ethnically diverse and culturally rich location, like Tibetan areas of western China. There, participants may engage in activities such as harvesting, thrashing grain, or teaching English to children- all with the goal of witnessing firsthand how issues of sustainability, society, religion, the environment, and ethnic diversity affect rural China. Available: fall, winter-spring Language Requirements: English.

[SIT-ULANBAATAR, MONGOLIA](#)

Mongolia offers a fascinating study of the interplay between foreign engagement, economic development, and natural resource utilization, in the context of a developing nation. Landlocked between Siberia and northern China. Much of this rugged nation was historically isolated from global development and, and is today facing rapid economic and environmental change. Through the program's field excursions, students visit historically, economically, and culturally important areas in Mongolia's central and northern regions. Rural homestays in nomadic camps provide stark contrasts between Mongolia's urban and rural communities. Available: fall, winter-spring Language Requirements: English.

[SIT-KATHMANDU, NEPAL](#)

As the tallest mountain range in the world and home to diverse and vibrant cultures, the Himalaya are a preeminent place to study geoscience. The geological contrasts within the country of Nepal are dramatic and unequalled: from the flat Ganges River plain near sea level to the highest point on Earth—Mt. Everest. In this program, students will engage in classic field geologic skill development and innovative inquiry of human-Earth systems. The program focuses on field geoscience, geohazards, and environmental science in the context of human interactions and sustainable development in Nepal. Available: fall, winter-spring, summer Language Requirements: English

[EXCHANGE-SEOUL, KOREA](#)

Study the Earth System Sciences at Yonsei University and experi-

Studying abroad in New Zealand allows you to complete Earth Sciences classes while exploring the beautiful natural environment!



ence a dynamic integrated system with physical, chemical, and biological processes linking the solid Earth, the atmosphere, and the ocean together with Earth's biological components. The main concern is the solid Earth through Geology/ Geophysics and Environmental studies. Geology/Geophysics is the study of the chemistry and physics of Earth materials, the structure of the Earth, the processes that cycle materials, and the sources of water, minerals, and energy. Available: Any term/semester Language Requirements: English

OCEANIA

[CIEE-PERTH, AUSTRALIA](#)

This experience provides a hands-on opportunity that brings content in the classroom to life. Fieldwork is a key component in this program. The Ningaloo Reef-the longest fringing barrier reef in Australia will become your laboratory. Examples of both tropical and temperate animal and plant life will greet you every day. Also, study biology, physiology, and ecology of marine plants and animals. Discover the challenges and conservation issues that are impacting this important marine park. Available: winter-spring, summer, summer-fall, academic year. Language Requirements: English

[SIT-CAIRNS, QUEENSLAND](#)

Students learn in a truly world-class environment. Australia is home to flora and fauna that cannot be found elsewhere in the world, and students examine the complex ecosystems directly where they are found. Living on the Doorstep of the Great Barrier Reef - During a 10 day stay at the Lizard Island Research Station, students spend approximately 50 hours conducting scientific surveys amongst the coral reefs of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. Living in the Rainforest - For eight days of the rainforest seminar, students live in accommodations on the edge of an upland rainforest teeming with life. Available: winter-spring or summer-fall. Language Requirements: English

[MASSEY UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY, UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO, AND VICTORIA UNIVERSITY IN WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND](#)

Top-notch academics meet exquisite natural beauty and Maori culture in New Zealand. Enjoy outdoor adventure by taking advantage of hiking, skiing, fishing, camping and river rafting opportunities throughout the country, or simply take a stroll through the famously beautiful countryside. Choose from five universities for an outstanding study abroad experience. The flexibility of the New Zealand university system gives you a great selection of courses and subjects including Ocean Science, Geography, and Geology. Available: varies by university. Language Requirements: English

[OSU EXCHANGES-VARIOUS LOCATIONS, AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND](#)

Programs are offered at Charles Sturt University, Macquarie University, and Lincoln University (New Zealand). These universities offer classes in Ocean Science, Geography, and Geology in addition to other science classes that may be necessary for an Earth Sciences degree, such as Physics, Statistics, Oceanography. Available: varies by university. Language Requirement: English.

EUROPE

[CIEE-BONAIRE](#)

Bonaire is home to volcanic hills and salt pans that lay on ancient coral reefs. This is the perfect landscape for students in the Earth Sciences. Students can discover the interconnectedness of tropical ecosystems, explore how global and local issues effect coral reefs, and use appropriate scientific methods to study tropical marine ecology



Emiliene Sivagnanam completed Earth Sciences classes while studying abroad at Deakin University in Australia

and conservation. The mentors will be experts in the tropical marine ecology and conservation and there will be an integration of coursework, lab research, and fieldwork. Participate in many activities such as visiting National Parks, snorkeling, and seeing mangroves by kayak. Available: winter-spring or summer-fall. Language Requirements: English

[CIEE-AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS](#)

Take courses from the only independent department of spatial sciences in the Netherlands. Interpret complex case studies in the fields of human geography, planning, and environmental sustainability, meet with experts, discuss current issues, and visit key areas. Available: winter-spring, summer-fall, academic year. Language Requirements: English

[IE3-POITIERS, FRANCE](#)

Still nestled into its medieval walls, Poitiers is one of the most intact medieval cities of Europe. Study at Poitiers and take classes that have an emphasis on natural sciences and migration studies. Available: winter-spring, summer-fall, academic year. Language Requirements: at least two years of college level French.

[IE3-BADEN-WURTEMBERG UNIVERSITIES, GERMANY](#)

This exchange program enables students with diverse majors and interests to study at one of thirteen universities. Students with more advanced language proficiency can enroll in regular university classes in the humanities, natural and social sciences, education, business, communications, engineering, computer science, architecture, music, art and more. In some cases, classes are taught in English. Available: fall, fall-winter, spring, academic year. Language Requirements: two years of college level German.

[IFSA-CORK & GALWAY, IRELAND](#)

Programs both offer courses in Geology, Ocean Science, and Geography while living and studying in some of Ireland's most student-friendly cities. Available: varies by university. Language Requirement: English.

[IFSA-VARIOUS LOCATIONS, ENGLAND](#)

Programs are offered at Queen Mary, Royal Holloway (Both University of London), University College of London, University of Bristol, University of East Anglia (all in England), and they all offer courses in Ocean Science, Geography, and Geology. Available: varies by university. Language Requirements: English.

[OSU EXCHANGES-VARIOUS LOCATIONS, UNITED KINGDOM](#)

Programs are offered at Bangor University, University of Lancaster, University of Sussex, and University of Nottingham. These universities offer classes in Ocean Science, Geography, and Geology in addition to other science classes that may be necessary for an Earth Sciences degree, such as Physics, Statistics, Oceanography. Available: varies by university. Language Requirement: English.

[IFSA-VARIOUS LOCATIONS, SCOTLAND](#)

Programs are located at University of Edinburgh, University of Glasgow, and University of St. Andrews. All offer courses in Geology, Ocean Science, and Geography. Available: varies by university. Language Requirements: English.

LATIN AMERICA

[CIEE-MONTEVERDE, COSA RICA](#)

Explore the Monteverde Cloud Forest, tropical beaches, waterfalls, and all manner of animal, insects, and plant life. A blend of unique lectures, community interactions, independent research, direct experimentation, and field excursions will make up the content of learning. Students will focus on the preservation and conservation of Costa Rica's natural environment. Available: Fall, winter-spring, summer. Language Requirements: English/Spanish

[IE3-GALAPAGOS, ECUADOR](#)

Focus on biological and social sciences within the Galapagos archipelago. The program is ideal for students who want to study the natural environment and evolution in an amazing location first chronicled by Charles Darwin. Available: winter-spring or summer-fall. Language Requirements: One year of college level Spanish.

[SIT-PANAMA CITY, PANAMA](#)

This program provides students an immersive opportunity to study tropical ecology up close in one of the world's most diverse wildlife and plant environments. Topics of study include: tropical forest ecology; marine and wetland ecology; community resource conservation; indigenous resource use; human-natural resource interface; the Panamanian environmental movement, intensive Spanish courses, Tropical Ecology, Marine Ecosystems, Biodiversity Conservation Seminar, and the Environmental Field Study Seminar. Available: fall or winter-spring. Language Requirements: Three semesters of Spanish.

IE3 GLOBAL INTERNSHIPS

Contact International Programs
541-737-3006 or study.abroad@oregonstate.edu

AFRICA

[TABLE MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION & MARINE RESEARCH: CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA](#)

Interns will be placed in one of a variety of divisions of the Table Mountain National Park, a unique Cape Town ecosystem. Internships are tailored to the applicant's interests and experience. Opportunities exist in both land and marine conservation and in research, education and monitoring. Available: any term. Language Requirement: English.

ASIA

[ABROAD CHINA: VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN CHINA](#)

Abroad China, Inc. provides a range of unique internship opportunities in China. Students are matched with internships at companies/organizations that are well-suited to their academic and professional background and goals. Abroad China specializes in developing and supporting customized internship opportunities for international students interested in learning first-hand about China's dynamic and rapidly-developing professional culture. Available: any term. Language Requirement: At least one year of college level Mandarin.

[TRAILBLAZER FOUNDATION: SIEM RIEP, CAMBODIA](#)

Be a part of a sustainable development organization working in and around Siem Riep, Cambodia. Intern as an Agricultural Assistant or Data Analyst for The Trailblazer Foundation, which works to provide clean water, support food security and provide technical training to rural villages around the town of Siem Riep. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about grassroots, non-profit program management. Available: Any term. Language Requirement: English.

[THE SCHOOLHOUSE AT MUTIANYU: MUTIANYU, CHINA](#)

Interns with varied backgrounds provide support to this award winning sustainable lodge and restaurant business in the historic village of Mutianyu at the base of the Great Wall of China. Stipend, room and board and weekend getaways to Beijing provided. Available: fall, spring, summer. Language Requirement: English, Chinese language strongly preferred.

[ASHOKA TRUST FOR RESEARCH IN ECOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT \(ATREE\): BANGALORE, INDIA](#)

Bangalore office based internship to assist in development with research and education on sustainability and environmental issues. Available: Any term. Language Requirement: English.

[GRASSROOTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: MAHARASHTRA, INDIA](#)

Work with local NGO's in rural and tribal areas of Maharashtra, near Mumbai. Visiting students work with social workers in the areas of health, women's empowerment, micro-credit, community development, child sponsorship, HIV/AIDS intervention and awareness programs, health education and teaching programs. Available: Any term. Language Requirement: English.

[RAINFOREST RETREAT ECO LODGE AND WARPED NGO: KARNATAKA, INDIA](#)

Two distinct internships on an organic farm/eco-resort provide opportunities for tourism/hospitality/business majors or for interns focused on sustainable agriculture. A wide variety of majors accepted. Free room and board in a biodiversity hotspot in India. Available: Any term. Language Requirement: English.

[VANASTREE - THE MALNAD FOREST GARDEN & SEEDKEEPERS' COLLECTIVE: KARKOLLI VILLAGE, INDIA](#)

Work with an environmental organization in a small town and on a rural farm to help with projects focused on education, sustainability, seeds, and maintaining the biodiversity in the Western Ghats. Available: fall, winter, spring. Language Requirement: English.

[ASRAL NGO: GACHUURT, MONGOLIA](#)

This is an ideal site for those interested in sustainable agriculture/horticulture, food production and food security in the developing world. Housing and board provided free of charge in Ulaanbatar. Asral NGO Mongolia is a project of Jampa Ling, a non-governmental organization in Ireland working with local partners in Mongolia and India to reduce suffering, promote and develop life supporting, self-sustaining projects, provide training, health care and education, and achieve improvements in the lives of people living in poverty. Available: spring-summer. Language Requirements: English.

[TAIWAN FORESTRY RESEARCH INSTITUTE: TAIPEI, TAIWAN](#)

Work on projects and research focused on Watershed management, Nutrient Cycling and Decomposition (forest ecosystem process), Forestry Planning (remote sensing and GIS), Forest Fire Analysis, or Pulping and Paper-making. Available: winter, spring, summer. Language Requirements: English.

[THREE GENERATION BARGE PROGRAM: BANGKOK, THAILAND](#)

Contribute to unique experiential education program on sustainability, climate change, natural disasters and global citizenship. Intern as an Environmental Educator or as a Multi-media specialist while working on a converted rice barge on the Chao Praya River, in Thailand's pristine reserves, estuaries and mangrove forests. Available: Any term. Language Requirements: English.

[VIETNAM GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL: HANOI, VIETNAM](#)

The Vietnam Green Building Council's goal is to act as a catalyst encouraging government, academia and private sector cooperation to achieve a more sustainably built environment. VGBC's office in Hanoi, Vietnam, is looking for interns enthusiastic about sustainable development and climate change issues. Interns at the VGBC use their academic and working backgrounds in engineering (M&E, civil, environmental), architecture, marketing, communication, environment, administration, education and more. Available: Any term. Language Requirements: English

[INDIVIDUALIZED INTERNSHIPS: VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN GERMANY](#)

A great opportunity to obtain an internship throughout Germany in a variety of fields. Available: Any term. Language Requirement: At least third year German.

LATIN AMERICA

[COMITE NACIONAL PRO DEFENSA DE LA FAUNA Y FLORA: CONCEPCION, CHILE](#)

CODEFF is a citizen-centered NGO which works to conserve nature and the environment in Chile and to promote sustainable development. Interns work on tasks such as campaigns, projects, presentations, and research. Option to work with a project that receives injured animals, such as penguins and pelicans. Available: Any term. Language Requirement: Recommended Spanish experience.

[FUNDACION JUTAN SACHA: VARIOUS LOCATIONS, ECUADOR](#)

Jatun Sacha is a well-established environmental conservation organization in Ecuador. Interns work at one of several biological reserves at the coast, the Amazon, the Galapagos or the highlands of Ecuador. Activities including data field research, environmental education, community service, plant conservation, agroforestry, horticulture, aquaculture, marine conservation or reserve maintenance. Available: Any term. Language Requirement: Beginning-intermediate Spanish skills.

[LONG WAY HOME: CHIMIYA, GUATEMALA](#)

This is a great placement for gaining experience in development work in rural Guatemala. Projects in Alternative Construction and Appropriate Technology, Environmental Education, Marketing and Grantwriting. Beginning-level Spanish helpful to facilitate daily living. Second year university-level Spanish required to lead education projects with local youth. Housing available on-site in a Volunteer House. Available: Any term. Language Requirement: At least beginning Spanish skills.

[EQUILIBRIO AZUL: PUERTO LOPEZ, ECUADOR](#)

Interns work on a number of fisheries and coastal projects based in Puerto Lopez, Ecuador and the nearby Machalilla National Park, a coastal forest and marine park in the southern part of the province of Manabi. Projects may include: taking daily fish haul data and price and sales information from local subsistence fishermen, especially for shark and rays; take data on sea turtle nesting locations, conditions and numbers. Available: Any term. Language Requirements: Beginning-intermediate Spanish.

[ORGANIZATION FOR TROPICAL STUDIES: SAN VITO, COSTA RICA](#)

Las Cruces Biological Station manages land for resource conservation, research and education. The station protects a watershed, native vegetation, and works to contain areas of livestock and agricultural development. Interns participate in station research projects and educational activities. Available: Any term. Language Requirements: Beginning-intermediate Spanish skills.

[ASOFENIX: RENEWABLE ENERGY & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: MULTIPLE LOCATIONS, NICARAGUA](#)

Internship offered at Asociación Fénix (AsoFenix) in conjunction with Green Empowerment. AsoFenix is a NGO based in the capitol city of Managua with years of experience in the area of renewable energy. They are seeking interns in the fields of engineering, renewable energy, agroforestry, public health and related majors. Available: Any term. Language Requirements: English/Spanish

MIDDLE EAST

[CENTER FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES \(CSS\): AMMAN, JORDAN](#)

Work with the Center for Strategic Studies (CSS) at the University of Jordan conducting research, designing publications, and assisting with projects related to politics, the economy, sustainability, community development, the environment, and security in the Middle East. Available: Any term Language Requirements: English

[RUWWAD: THE ARAB FOUNDATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: AMMAN, JORDAN](#)

Ruwwad has been providing essential services to Jabal Natheef in several key areas: health, safety, decent living, education, employment, sustainability and legal aid. Ruwwad is a community empowerment organization that helps disadvantaged communities overcome marginalization through youth activism, civic engagement, and education. Join Ruwwad in its unique community empowerment model and help the communities of Amman. Available: Any term Language Requirements: Second year college level Arabic.