



Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute

Short-term research fellowships for students in Latin America, especially Central America and Panama

The Adelante Group, an informal association of businessmen from Central America and Panama interested in education and sustainable development in the region, recently donated funds to support short-term (3-4 month) fellowships for independent research projects at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI) in Panama. Awards include airfare to and from Panama from country of origin, up to \$2000 for research expenses, and a stipend for living expenses. Applicants can be from students of any university in Latin America, but preference will be given to those from Central America and Panama. Proposals can be in the areas represented by STRI scientists and research associates, including plant and animal ecology, animal behavior and natural history, archaeology, regional history and anthropology, conservation, marine biology, environmental monitoring and bioinformatics, environmental policy and rural sociology, environmental education, paleontology, soil sciences, plant physiology, molecular evolution, and other areas represented at STRI (see <http://www.stri.org/espanol/index.php>).

For application instructions see:

http://www.stri.org/espanol/educacion_becas/becas/aplicacion.php.

Deadlines for submission are the 15th of February, May, August and November. Results will be notified 6 to 8 weeks after.

Internships will be considered for applicants with a strong interest in training for independent research. Internships must be planned in correspondence with potential advisors.

For additional information, including help in selection of an advisor and a copy of the application forms in Spanish, contact:

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