

USFQ | GRADUATE
SCHOOL

Master's in
Tropical
Ecology &
Conservation

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Description:

- This graduate program aims to form professionals who will contribute to understanding the ecological processes that regulate populations, communities, and ecosystems in the tropics in an evolutionary framework. It also seeks to provide tools for fostering biodiversity conservation and developing plans for ecological restoration, maintenance of environmental services, and adaptation/mitigation in the face of global climate change.

Applicant's profile

- This program is designed for professionals with degrees in Biology, Genetics, Biodiversity and Genetic Resources, Ecology, and related disciplines. In case of degrees obtained outside of Ecuador, the title will have to be apostilled or certified via the country's consular office in Ecuador. The USFQ will verify the validity of the degree, following the Ecuadorian legislation. Once accepted, the applicant will have to register the degree at SENESCYT (the National Secretariat for Superior Education, Science, and Technology) before the program's start date.

Workfield

- Our graduates will be prepared to do independent research and work as part of inter and multidisciplinary groups in educational, research or conservation institutions, governmental or non-governmental organizations dedicated to areas related to ecology and conservation, or continue their path towards an academic career.

Requirements to apply

- To have an undergraduate degree in Biology, Genetics, Biodiversity and Genetic Resources, Ecology, and related disciplines. The diploma must have Apostille or be certified via the consular office of the issuing country in Ecuador. Once accepted, the applicant will have to register the degree at SENESCYT before the program's start date.
- Proof of English proficiency, equivalent to B1 level of the Common European Framework. Proficiency may be proved by taking the USFQ, TOEFL, IELTS, or Cambridge exams within the last 2 years.
- Copy of identification document (passport or Ecuadorian cédula).
- Official transcripts.
- To approve the USFQ Graduate School and program exam.
- Letter of intent, in English, explaining the student's interest in becoming part of the master's program.
- Two recommendation letters from professional or academic supervisors.
- Complete Application Form:
<https://form.jotformz.com/210195077019655>



Advantages

The Master's in Tropical Ecology and Conservation at USFQ conjugates a great diversity of advantages that allow our graduate students to:

- Obtain a solid theoretical and practical education based on research, offered and supervised by the best faculty in Tropical Ecology and Conservation in Ecuador.
- Have access to excellent research laboratories in Marine Ecology (Galapagos Islands), Aquatic Ecology, Evolutionary Biology, Biotechnology, and Environmental Engineering, among others.
- Take advantage of research opportunities in our biological stations in the Galapagos Islands, Tandayapa (Andean Choco Biosphere Reserve, Tiputini (Yasuni National Park), and the network of nature reserves managed by our strategic partners.
- Be part of the team of the research institutes and centers of the USFQ: Biosphere Institute, iBIOTROP, Geography Institute, Applied Ecology Institute, Microbiology Institute and Galapagos Science Center.
- Learn in a program taught in English, with international invited professors, and a modern perspective towards basic and applied research, which will offer opportunities to connect with researchers and research labs in Ecuador and countries around the world.



CAMPUS

USFQ
Campus
Cumbayá
Galápagos
Tiputini
Tandayapa



DURATION

4 semesters and 1
summer session

Subjects: 14

Total credits: 54



TEACHING MODE

Face to face learning.

SCHEDULE

The number of daily
hours may vary,
depending on the
timetable of each day.

Field trips may
occasionally include
weekends.



COST

Total: \$14.729

Value with scholarship
for Ecuadorians and
residents*: \$11.500.

Fees: \$1.339
Tuition: \$13.390



START OF CLASSES

August
each 2 years.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships of 50% of the
programme and of the
programme fee.

USFQ-UNC Chapell Hill
Galapagos Science Center
Scholarship: \$3,000 discount
of the program fee.

USFQ Institute of Geography
Scholarship: \$3,000 discount off
the programme fee.

Scholarships of 100% of the
programme, in addition to
a monthly stipend.



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