



Training course in Tropical Field Botany

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Where

The first part of the course will be held mainly at the Universidad Estatal Amazonica's CIPCA research station, located in the Amazonian Region near Santa Clara, Pastaza province, Ecuador. Field trips will be scheduled in nearby natural areas in the Pastaza region. The second part of the course will include field trips in the Andes Mountains in southern Ecuador, in Loja and Zamora-Chinchipec Provinces, near the Podocarpus National Park.

Support

The program will provide financial support to cover lodging and meals, course materials, and travel costs between USA and Quito, as well as local transportation during the course. The program is funded by the [National Science Foundation](#) (NSF), with support from MBG, NYBG, and UEA.



Requirements

Participants will be expected to:

- Have a valid passport to travel to Ecuador;
- Participate in all aspects of the training, including discussions, laboratory, and fieldwork;
- Willingness and ability to walk up to 10 km on mountain trails and to work as part of a team in adverse field conditions (e.g., hot, rainy, cold, etc.);
- Develop and present a 15-minute scientific presentation at the end of the program.

Application Deadline

October 1st, 2018. More detailed information is available [here](#). Further information can be obtained from the program coordinator: Dr. Marcela Mora (marcela.mora@mobot.org).

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