



## Application—STRI Internship: Introduction to Neotropical Research and Culture

Application materials must be submitted to STRI on or prior to **January 30** of each year. Applicants will be notified of acceptance into the program by March 15 of each year.

Application packet checklist:

- Application form
- Statement of Interest
- Curriculum vitae
- Academic transcripts (These do not have to be official transcripts.)
- Two letters of recommendation

All applications materials, with the exception of the two letters of recommendation, must be compiled into a SINGLE ELECTRONIC PDF FILE. The file should be named as follows: “Your surname\_first initial\_INRC.PDF” (e.g., if your name is Jane Smith, then the file name is “Smith\_J\_INRC.pdf”). Please email this file to [striap@si.edu](mailto:striap@si.edu).

The applicant should arrange to have the two letters of recommendation sent directly to STRI’s Office of Academic Programs by email to [striap@si.edu](mailto:striap@si.edu). Applicants should contact their recommenders and confirm that the letters were submitted.

**Incomplete applications and applications that fail to follow guidelines will not be considered.**

### Eligibility

This internship is intended for exceptional undergraduates, recent graduates (post-bachelor’s), and early-stage graduate students with a demonstrated interest in pursuing a career involving scientific research, and in particular, tropical biology. Applicants with at least some knowledge of both English and Spanish are highly encouraged to apply. Awards are based on merit and potential for achievement, without regard to race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age or condition of handicap of the applicant.

**Inquiries about the application process may be sent to [striap@si.edu](mailto:striap@si.edu)**

**Instructions:** Please fill out the following form and include it in your application packet. This form has active fields that may be filled in using Acrobat Reader or Preview. Alternatively, you may fill in the form by hand and include a scanned copy with your application materials.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name (last name in capital letters):

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Mailing address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: (include country code, and area code if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATION**

College/university: \_\_\_\_\_

Major (& minor if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation date or anticipated graduation date (bachelors degree):

Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative grade point average (índice académico) \_\_\_\_\_

Maximum possible grade point average at your school \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Date of birth: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Female Male

Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

Country Passport Issued by: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport valid until: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Language skills (rate 0–4, 4 being the best): English \_\_\_\_\_ Spanish \_\_\_\_\_

Have you traveled in the Neotropics before? Where?

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What was the purpose of your travels?

Vacation/Personal      Internship/Research      Education      Other

Please list your top three choices for research mentors:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

#### OTHER INFORMATION

Please provide the names & email addresses of two professors or other persons from whom you have requested letters of recommendation:

Recommender #1:

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Recommender #2:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Statement of Interest** | Address the following questions in an essay of 1000 words or less. Please use double-spacing and Times New Roman 12 pt font.

a. What is your primary area of research interest and why?

b. What sort of prior research experience do you have?

c. How will participation in this internship program relate to your academic or professional development and goals?