

Catalogue/Syllabus

**Research/Conservation Projects, Programs, and
Courses**

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Biological Field School

Courses since 2004

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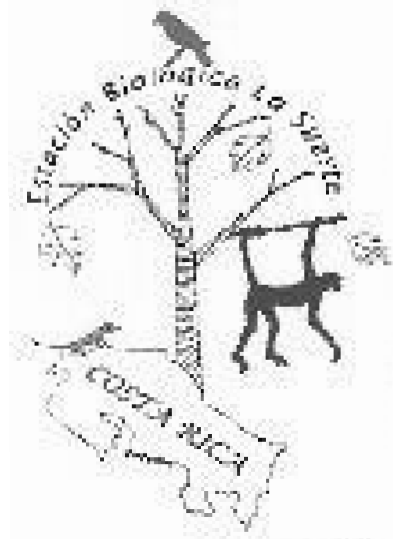
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Human Resources Skills and Development Canada (HRSDC) has sponsored our Canadian projects and programs through funding provided by the Job Creation Partnership (JCP) program. This program has allowed more than two dozen Canadian citizens who are Employment Insurance (EI) eligible to participate in our FAT Program and gain valuable employment skills. We are proud to continue working with HRSDC to offer these unique employment and skill development programs.

Nicaragua



Costa Rica



The La Suerte and Ometepe Biological Field Stations joined EARTHQUEST with programs and field courses in Rainforest ecology, tropical ornithology, neotropical ethnobotany and field primatology in 2002. Students may now combine these with any FAT Program courses as **AFASST** equivalent courses.



EARTHQUEST Research/Conservation Projects, Programs and Courses

Our Teachers and Project Coordinators

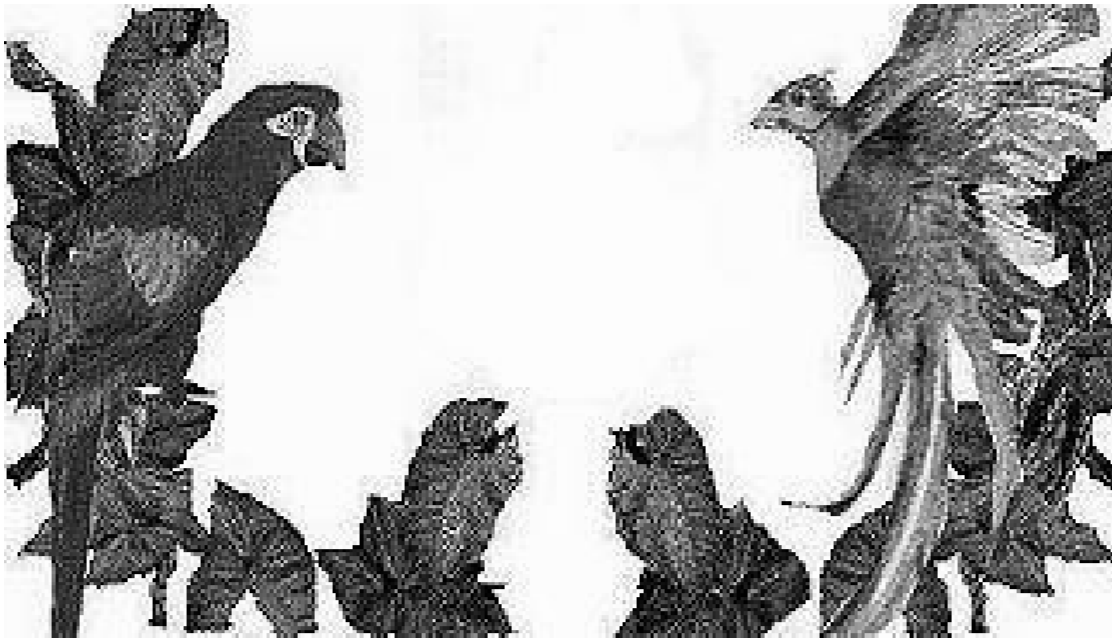


As Executive Director and founder of EARTHQUEST (Canada) Dave has personally led over 20 international Research/Conservation expeditions to North, Central and South America. In 2001 he led his first expeditions to Nepal. He is the teacher and Project Coordinator for all Canadian projects. He is an avid birder, field botanist, primatologist and naturalist. He takes great pride in sharing his knowledge of the natural world and is also a writer and nature photographer.

Dave Jolly (Canada,
Panama, Costa Rica,
Peru, Nepal)

We are leaders in Research/Conservation Projects, programs and courses

Here at EARTHQUEST (Canada) for the Environment we are excited about the promise of a new season and all the challenges it brings to us. Over the years, we have become very knowledgeable about the various flora and fauna species you will be meeting while on your project, program or course. We've attained this enviable position by concentrating on what is most important to you; designing unique training and skill development programs. These specialized training and skill development programs are unique in the sense that they allow the novice to gain valuable theoretical and practical skills in the field. Moreover, many of the graduates of these programs move onto becoming exceptional employees of our organization or finding meaningful employment in the environmental field. Now, with the opening of our new Biological Field School, near Aylmer, Ontario, Canada, we can offer the best of our programs condensed into an intensive 3 month FAT Program. We are excited to have you join us as you embark on this endeavour of achievement.



Research/Conservation Projects, Programs and Courses

EARTHQUEST offers a unique way to receive your FAT training; through a three step process by taking Field Assistant Self Study Training courses. Through these courses you begin to learn the theoretical and practical side of what it takes to become a **Field Assistant (FA)** or teacher and work for EARTHQUEST. For all teaching positions with our new Biological Field School EARTHQUEST will strongly consider graduates of the FAT Program before hiring outsiders. You are strongly encouraged to pursue your FAT Program courses before applying to us for employment opportunities. You will help ensure the survival of endangered, threatened, vulnerable or significant species and/or their habitats by studying them and learning how to conduct census/survey work.

You will learn the theoretical aspect of knowledge required to participate in projects in the first course called the **Field Assistant Self Study Training (FASST)** Course. The second course provides the practical aspects of knowledge required to participate and is called the **Advanced Field Assistant Self Study Training (AFASST)** Course.

How it works; internship/mentorship opportunities

The General FAT Program has proven to be extremely effective as the “fast” track to employment for numerous people. With an 80-90% hiring rate students enrolled in a minimum of 3 or more courses receive assistance with improving their resume, cover letter and preparing for interviews. They will also receive weekly job postings. Before the end of your course work you will be assessed for employment readiness. If you successfully pass all tests, assignments and evaluation based on performance in the field then you will be eligible to apply to the first available internships and job opportunities.

Biological Field School

Established in 2004

The Biological Field School is located on 54 acres of beautiful Carolinian forest at Pinecroft, near Aylmer, Ontario, Canada.

I. Goals of the Biological Field School

1. To offer high quality, practical field courses and programs to people experiencing difficulty finding and maintaining meaningful employment in their chosen career.
2. Census and inventory the flora and fauna of Pinecroft and other projects operated by EARTHQUEST within Ontario, Canada
3. Foster and promote conservation through unique educational programs and activities through hands-on learning.
4. Train people in field identification, census/survey methodology, scientific report writing, habitat classification and management/leadership techniques in order to obtain jobs.
5. Offer internships, jobs and other employment opportunities to graduates and students.

II. Accomodations

Students who are outside Ontario or within a 3 - 4 hour drive of the Biological Field School may arrange accomodations by contacting the office at; 519-875-3340.

III. Contacting us

If you need to reach us the best way is via email - earthquest@hotmail.com. You may also call and leave a message; 519-875-3340.

IV. Application

To apply to our programs or courses simply fill out the reservation form at the back of this catalogue and send with an \$80.00 CAD registration fee and 500.00 CAD non-refundable deposit to secure placement.

V. FAT Courses

Our graduates have found employment with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Bird Studies Canada, the Long Point Bird Observatory, Ducks Unlimited Canada, Point Pelee National Park and various Conservation Authorities and environmental consulting firms. The following courses will be offered during each academic year;

Plant Courses

1. Level 1 FAT terrestrial plants (vascular plant families)
2. Level 2 FAT terrestrial plants (vascular plant genera)
3. Level 1 Aquatic/Wetland plants (vascular plant families)
4. Level 2 Aquatic/Wetland plants (vascular plant genera)
5. Rare Trees/Shrubs of Ontario
6. Grasses, sedges and rushes of Ontario
7. Level 1 FAT plants - medicinal/edible plants
8. Level 1 FAT plants - medicinal/edible plants (7 - 30 day field course in Canada or Central America)
9. Ferns of Ontario

Bird Courses

10. Level 1 FAT terrestrial birds (families)
11. Level 2 FAT terrestrial birds (genera)
12. Level 1 ACCESS - data entry, collection and analysis
13. Level 1 GIS - independent study design, field research methodology

Specialty Courses

14. Principles and Concepts of Ecological Land Classification
15. Principles and Concepts of Ontario Wetland Evaluation System
16. Fungi of Ontario

Primate Courses

17. Level 1 FAT primates - introduction to field primatology
18. Level 2 FAT primates (7 - 26 day field course in Canada or Central America)

Rainforest Ecology

19. Rainforest ecology field course in Central America

Management

20. Level 1 Management/leadership

The Level 1 FAT Experience

If selected you may spend 7 - 26 days on an Expedition or projects for international courses, or 3 - 5 months in the General FAT Program in Canada at the Biological Field School. Applicants may also choose to do their courses through correspondence, if outside of Ontario. Your success is based on performance in the field and EARTHQUEST pre-selection criteria for a FAT position or internship/job in the program of your choice. At the end of your project or program you are evaluated on your performance. If the evaluation is successful you may be invited to apply to the next available internship or job opportunity (Please note: due to the nature of the program, all prices and program contents are subject to change without prior notice or approval). EARTHQUEST reserves the right to choose, refuse or accept ALL applicants).

Qualifications to Apply to FAT Programs, projects or courses

If applying to a FAT/internship position directly you must have 3 - 5 years of practical field experience in field biology or be able to identify 75% of all flora and fauna species on EARTHQUEST projects. If applying to the correspondence or field session courses then you do not need any background in the biological sciences. If applying to a FAT/internship/teaching position then you may require a FAT certificate. You must state in your cover letter that you are willing to take our courses and/or participate in our training programs as a volunteer at your own expense. You may, or may not be currently taking science or related courses at High School, College or University. You should have very good patience and flexibility as well as excellent written and oral presentation skills. Applicants should also possess good problem solving skills, a strong work ethic and dedication to the responsibilities, duties and tasks assigned. Above all you must be willing to train and relocate, if necessary.

VI. Level 1 FAT terrestrial plant course - \$600.00 CAD

Learn the practical applications of how to positively field identify up to 20 terrestrial vascular plant families by physical characteristics. Extensive photographs, tutorials, voucher specimens are used in combination with living specimens to learn the families. This course is taught by an instructor with over 25 years of practical field experience identifying plants in the field! This course is required for the ELC course.

VII. Level 2 FAT terrestrial plant course - \$600.00 CAD

Learn how to field identify up to 18 terrestrial vascular plant and 21 tree/shrub genera of the eastern half of North America through field/tutorial sessions. Rare plants and how to recognize hybrids are also examined in light of government standards for classifying and categorizing plants. The prerequisite for this course is the **Level 1 FAT plant course** and it is also the prerequisite for the **Ecological Land Classification course**. It is essential for anyone interested in employment performing field surveys.

VIII. Level 1 Aquatic/Wetland plant course - \$600.00 CAD

This course focuses on the aquatic/wetland plant genera of marshes, bogs, fens, deciduous and coniferous swamps by covering 15 - 20 families along with their habitats. It is a requirement for obtaining employment as an Aquatic/Wetland Biologist and prerequisite for the **Wetland evaluation course**.

IX. Level 2 Aquatic/Wetland plant course - \$600.00 CAD

This course emphasizes up to 25 genera and 60 - 80 species of plants found in marshes, bogs, fens, deciduous and coniferous swamps. Rare plants and hybrids are also discussed along with reporting and ranking requirements. This course should be taken coinciding with the **Wetland evaluation course**.

X. Level 1 FAT course - medicinal plants - \$600.00 CAD

Students learn how to positively field identify up to 80 medicinal/edible plants by sight, smell and touch. Medicinal properties and values are passed on from the knowledge of the Tharu people of Nepal and Chocoi of Panama.

XI. Rare trees/shrubs of Ontario course - \$600.00 CAD

Ontario species at risk trees and shrubs are emphasized (endangered, threatened, vulnerable or rare). Field trips to "hotspots" are arranged to search for living specimens.

XII. Grasses, sedges and rushes on Ontario course - \$600.00 CAD

Twenty five genera of grasses, 4 main sedge genera and the main genera of rushes are examined to account for up to 85 species in the eastern half of North America. Tall grass prairie species are also studied with a field trip to one of Ontario's largest Tall grass prairie habitats.

XIII. Principles and concepts of Ecological Land Classification course - \$1100.00 CAD

An introductory course which focuses on classifying natural areas based on soil science, hydrology, geology and biotic factors. Students will learn how to perform tree tallies, plant surveys, and identify soil types. This is an excellent course for those interested in working for Conservation Authorities or the Ministry of Natural Resources.

XIV. Level 1 FAT terrestrial bird course - \$600.00 CAD

Learn how to field identify 23 families of birds along with 17 commonly heard songs and calls. An excellent course for field survey work on breeding birds. This is the prerequisite for the **Level 2 FAT terrestrial bird course**.

XV. Level 2 FAT terrestrial bird course - \$600.00 CAD

This course focuses on 15 genera and 85 songs and calls of birds commonly found in the eastern half of North America. Body shape and size, bill shape and size along with distinctive field markings are emphasized.

XVI. Level 1 ACCESS course - \$600.00 CAD

The basics of ACCESS by creating tables, collecting and entering data are taught in light of field research methodology. This course is the prerequisite for the FAT terrestrial courses as well as ELC and Wetland evaluation.

XVII. Level 1 GIS course - \$600.00 CAD

Students are taught basic fundamentals of GIS utilizing the ArcView GIS platform. How to produce polygons, capture data calculate area and use state of the art GPS equipment are examined. This is an excellent preparation for GIS jobs.

XVIII. Principles and Concepts of Ontario Wetland Evaluation course - \$1000.00 CAD

The provincial evaluation system used to classify wetland and aquatic habitats is emphasized. Students learn how to delineate and classify wetlands as well as how to score them into biological, social, hydrological and special features components.

XIX. Fungi of Ontario course - \$600.00 CAD

You will learn how to field identify up to 19 commonly found fungi families of Ontario.

Canada

Bruce Trail Project

Research/Conservation Projects, programs and courses to the Bruce Trail Project

The Bruce Trail Project began in 1999. Three expedition teams documented all flora and fauna between Tobermory and Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada. To date, over 300 species of plants, 111 birds, 53 species of butterflies and moths, 18 amphibians and reptiles and 15 mammals have been recorded. The project lies within the boundaries of the Niagara Escarpment World Biosphere Reserve and follows the shoreline of Georgian Bay in the Bruce peninsula. Project participants may sign up for 3 hour workshops, 7 to 14 day expeditions, or field courses to learn about the diverse and unique life that exists. Students who sign up to the 3 day, 2 night field course to the Bruce will be evaluated on their plant field ID skills. Those who score highest along with their written reports will be given the opportunity to apply to projects and internships such as the Bruce Trail Project. These are paid, partial paid and volunteer positions.

Please be advised that you must take the EARTHQUEST general **FAT Courses**, first before you can qualify for internships and jobs, if applying to the FAT Program. The **FAT Courses** are **not** included with the cost of the Bruce Trail Project mini field course, unless you are applying as a student to the Biological Field School.

Caspian tern



Photo: Dave Jolly

Costs and Project Dates

Field projects run from May - October, each year

Project #1: May 19 - 29, each year

Project #2: June 9 - 23, each year

Project #3: July 14 - 24, each year

Bruce Trail Project mini field course

May 28 - 30 and September 29 - October 1st, each year:

\$120.00 CAD/person (incl. Insurance and accomodations)

7 day Project: \$375.00 USD/person

10 day Project: \$425.00 USD/person

14 day Project: \$499.00 USD/person

1 month internship.....\$1750.00 USD/person

2 month internship.....\$2175.00 USD/person

4 month internship.....\$3350.00 USD/person

(Please note: Due to the nature of the program, all prices and program contents are subject to change without prior notice or approval).

Canada

Ethnobotany project

Research/Conservation Projects, programs and courses/field course in medicinal plants

Learn how to positively field identify 80 - 120 medicinal plants of North America by working directly with an expert in field botany and ethnobotany. You will learn how to collect and extract plants to prepare teas, concoctions and tinctures. The knowledge learned has been acquired by living with indigenous people from Central America and Nepal and is applied to temperate region plants. This is an excellent course for people considering herbal medicine, holistic healing and ethnobotany careers as this course may lead to certification.

Costs and Project Dates

Date: Summer session #1: June 1 - June 15, each yr

Cost: \$1750.00 USD/person

Date: Summer session #2: July 20 - August 17, each yr

Cost: \$2175.00 USD/person

Agrimony (Agrimonia gryposepela)



This plant is known as a “**Doctor of Signatures**”, meaning it has the medicinal properties of over 100 native medicinal plants

Nicaragua/Costa Rica

Nicaragua Primate Program

Costa Rica Primate Program

Research/Conservation Projects, programs and courses/AFASST equivalent course

EARTHQUEST (Canada) now has an opportunity to journey to Nicaragua and learn how to study free-ranging primate species. We will only be offering **One** Expedition to Nicaragua in 2004/05. Our mission will be to travel to the Ometepe Biological Field Station located in Lake Nicaragua and study the ecology and behaviour of free-ranging primate species that live there. This intensive course covers the behavior and ecology of Old and New World primates from an evolutionary perspective. Emphasis will be given to the two species present at Ometepe: white faced capuchin: *Cebus capucinus* and mantled howling monkey (or howler), *Alouatta palliata*. The material and topics covered in this course are equivalent to an upper division university course in primate behavior and ecology. A background in biology or physical anthropology is helpful but not required. It is far more important to have a serious interest in learning about primates and a desire to do field work in a tropical rainforest.

Project team members will help track primates through the jungle and learn about them through direct observation. Please be advised that you **must** take the EARTHQUEST **FASST Course** for primate studies, first before you can qualify for this program. This course costs \$499.00 US to take. Upon successful completion of this course then you will be enrolled in the primate course in Nicaragua as your **AFASST Course**. All successful graduates of these courses will be eligible to the next available FASST Level 1 Course (\$150.00 USD) if they wish to apply to EARTHQUEST for employment opportunities in primate field biology.

Howler monkey



Costs and Project Dates

Dates: Summer session #1: May 25 - June, 19, each yr; Summer session #2: June 22 - July 17, each yr; Summer session #3: July 20 - August 14, each yr; Winter session: Dec. 27 - Jan. 18, each yr (26 days), Dec. 27 - Jan. 9, each yr (14 days)

Costs: Summer sessions - \$2199.00 USD/person; Winter session - \$2099.00 USD/person

(Please note: Due to the nature of the program, all prices and program contents are subject to change without prior notice or approval).

Nicaragua/Costa Rica

Nicaragua Neotropical Ethnobotany

Costa Rica Neotropical Ethnobotany

Research/Conservation Projects, programs and courses/AFASST equivalent course

The course covers ecology as it relates primarily to the plants of Nicaragua. It is designed to give students hands-on experience in plant ecology in the Neotropics. The course will consist of lectures and field work, with field work representing the major portion of the course. Students will carry out an independent research project of their choosing and report their findings at the end of the course both orally and in a written report. Students should bring a journal article in an area of research in which they have an interest for the purposes of discussion.

Costs and Project Dates

Date: Summer Session #2 June 22 - July 17, each yr

Cost: \$2175.00 USD

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Coffee: Bedstraw family



Costa Rica

Rainforest Ecology Program

Research/Conservation Projects, programs and courses/AFASST equivalent course

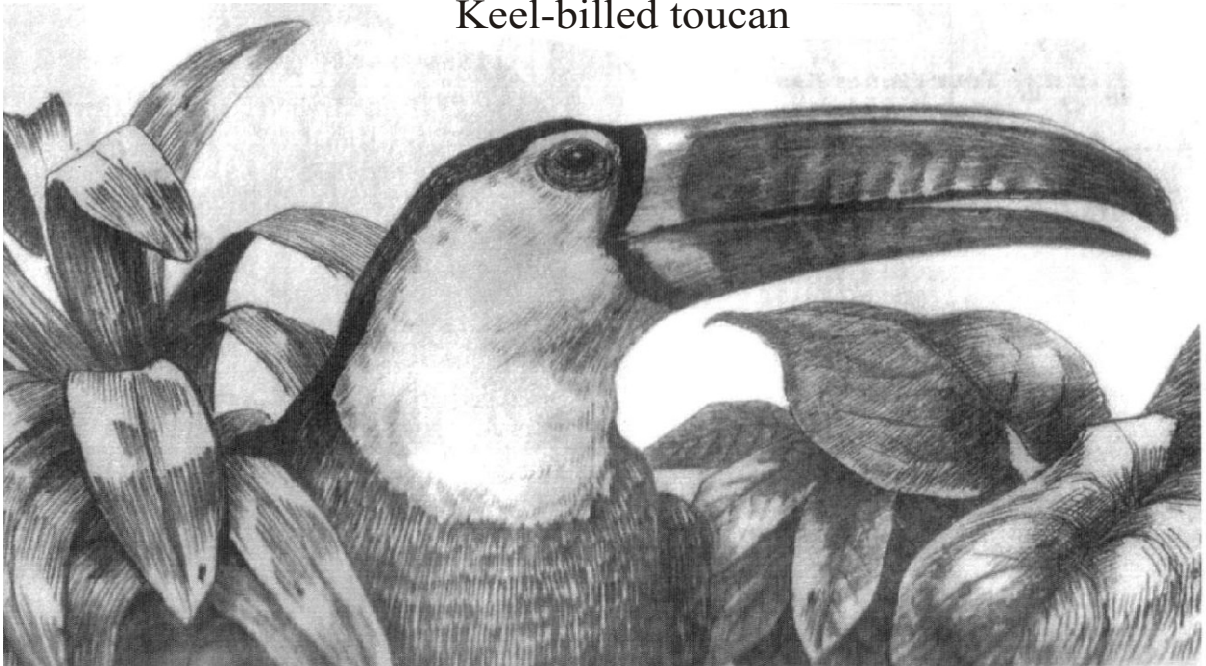
This course will offer a first-hand opportunity to study the biology of tropical ecosystems. The course emphasis will be on basic biological processes of the tropical rainforest and field techniques, however, other pertinent subjects, such as tropical ecology, socioeconomics, ecotourism, and conservation will be discussed. This course assumes a background equivalent to two semesters of college level general biology. This course will prepare you for more specialized courses in the study of tropical rainforests.

Costs and Project Dates

Date: Summer session #3: July 20 - August 14, each yr

Cost: \$2175.00 USD/person

(Please note: Due to the nature of the program, all prices and program contents are subject to change without prior notice or approval).



We Listen!

You've told our staff that you want your programs, projects and courses to be as trouble-free as possible. Here are eight reasons to book with us.

Expert Program/Project Leaders

We have chosen them carefully. The majority of which have graduated from our intensive training program for the position. They are also chosen for their natural history knowledge and their ability to share it with you. They enjoy being with people and looking after their needs.

Unique, Custom Itineraries

Organizing programs to remote corners of the world is often frustrating and complex, and requires local expertise and realistic planning. We fully research all itineraries to ensure that you are traveling during the safest season, when the flora and fauna will generally be at their peak.

We Look After You

Once you've chosen your program and paid your deposit, we'll take care of all the details including comprehensive information about your program and any training required. Your final documents will include a complete Project Briefing, a participants list and emergency protocol procedures (if you are embarking on international programs).

Job Opportunities

After you have completed the program and, provided you have successfully passed all aspects of the training, you may be invited to a position and hired immediately. Many of our graduates have found meaningful employment within 3 - 8 months of graduation. The success rate for finding employment is roughly 80-90%.

References are Available

We pride ourselves on the number of participants who have enjoyed our programs so much that they return. Moreover, many of our graduates of the FAT Program are happy to talk to you about the programs they were on. If you would like to discuss a specific program with past participants don't hesitate to ask.

Carefully Screened Participants

In addition to carefully choosing our program leaders and managers we also choose our team members and FAT trainees carefully. All participants must undergo an initial interview and evaluation before being accepted into the program. This ensures that only the most suitable people join our programs.

Program Group Size

Due to the style of our programs, we usually keep our group size to between 1 to 8 participants, often with two program leaders. This ensures that everyone has a quality experience.

We are the Experts

Each program is designed with a theoretical and practical component. Depending on the level of knowledge you wish to achieve, you can take training courses to better prepare you for the field experience. These courses are specifically tailored toward the program with the most up-to-date information and data. They were also designed as a result of many years of practical field experience.

Testimonials

Testimonials by Famous People

"It's great! Congratulations on all you are doing"

Dr. Jane Goodall, The Jane Goodall Institute, 1997

Testimonials by Ambassadors

"I find organizations such as EARTHQUEST are playing a key role in ensuring that our planet loses as few species as possible. Keep up the good work."

Louise L. Leger, Canadian Ambassador to Panama, Canadian Embassy, Republic of Panama, 1998

Testimonials by Scientists

"Dave Jolly and his EARTHQUEST volunteers have made substantial contributions to the development of the International Primate Sanctuary of Panama. It is our hope that EARTHQUEST will become a long term link of friendship and trust between Panama and Canada that will help us conserve the rainforests and the endangered species that inhabit them."

D. R. Rasmussen, Ph.D., Research Director, International Primate Sanctuary of Panama, Panama City, Republic of Panama, 1997

Testimonials by FA Trainees/graduates, FAs & Expedition team members

"...The skills that I have acquired through one Expedition are valuable and will always remain with me."

Michelle De Ciccio, 1999 Bruce Trail Expedition team member and FA hired to manage a 2000 Bruce Trail FAT Expedition, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada

"EARTHQUEST (Canada) is the Canadian equivalent of the WorldWide Conservation Society, protecting the special places and with the great protection of our natural environment for our children and grand children to enjoy."

Byran McLean, 1999 Bruce Trail Expedition team member and Writer hired in 2000 to help contribute to the field guide book to the flora and fauna of the Bruce Trail, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

"The EARTHQUEST Expedition is a fun and enjoyable way of learning more about the environment and gives participants a greater sense of appreciation of their surroundings

Monica Korzycki, 1999 Bruce Trail Family Expedition team member, St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School, London, Ontario, Canada

"A great chance to explore nature in an adventurous and fun way..."

Kristan Temme, 1999 Cavendish Trail Expedition team member, Technische Fachoberschule Institute, Munich, Germany

"I gained a tremendous amount of knowledge and experience from the EARTHQUEST Expedition..."

Robert Noble, 2000 Bruce Trail FAT graduate and FA hired to manage a medicinal plant Expedition to Nepal in 2001, High School Teacher, Cardinal Newman High School, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada

Terms and Conditions

Please read the following information carefully

How to Book

Request an interview. Once accepted forward your completed application form with your non-refundable deposit to secure placement in the program of your choice with EARTHQUEST (Canada).

Deposits

Deposits for primate FAT programs are \$599.00 USD, internships or stays for longer than 1 month in a host country, \$580 CAD for general FAT programs; unless otherwise noted. These are non-refundable and only hold your reservation for 7 to 14 days from program acceptance. The balance is due 60 days prior to program departure. We do accept credit cards. Please make a certified cheque or international money order in US or CAD funds payable to EARTHQUEST (Canada). You may also wire transfer funds via a bank or Western Union to ensure faster service.

Program/Project Dates and Leader Changes

You acknowledge that EARTHQUEST and it's staff have the right to change or alter itineraries, Program/Project costs and prices, or plans without notice or prior approval for the safety or betterment of the Program, project, it's members and staff. We will do everything possible to ensure Programs/Projects will operate with the leaders noted and the dates listed.

Cancellations

You acknowledge that should you decide to cancel your program within 60 days prior to Project/Program/Course departure then reimbursement of Project/Program/Course costs shall be based on the following cancellation policy; If cancel 45-60 days prior to departure - 25% of Program/Project costs retained. If cancel 30-45 days prior to departure - 50% of Program/Project costs retained. If cancel 15-30 days prior to departure - 100% of Project/Program/Course costs retained. The deposit payable to EARTHQUEST shall only be refunded if you find a replacement suitable to EARTHQUEST, if EARTHQUEST finds a replacement, or if the Project/Program/Course is canceled or changed substantially by EARTHQUEST, and that the refund or non-refund of part of all of the balance of the total Project/Program/Course costs shall be in accordance with the cancellation policies of the Project/Program/Course, which you acknowledge that you have read and understand. You also acknowledge that EARTHQUEST shall not be held responsible for the refund of, or for arranging the refund of the round trip airfare, transportation, accommodations or food.

Upon registration You will receive immediate confirmation and acknowledgement of securing placement in the program. If you have applied to a FAT Program then you will be mailed out a FASST Course, which will be due no later than 60 days prior to departure for evaluation. Remember, you must pass the FASST Course before gaining full acceptance in the program. Failure to do so could expel you from the program. The complete Expedition/Project/Program/Course briefing material will be mailed to you upon payment of the remaining balance. Students/staff that cancel or forfeit scheduled tests will automatically receive a fail.

Responsibility

You acknowledge that EARTHQUEST has the right to terminate your participation in the program, without refund (if there is blatant indiscretion on the part of the client(s). This includes use of profanity and foul language, drugs, disrespecting the required duties and roles related to the Project/Program/Course, the staff, the team or any employees, partners or affiliates working with EARTHQUEST etc. If participation is terminated it is the client(s) responsibility to return home at his/her own expense(s) without refund.

You acknowledge that EARTHQUEST and any employees, agents or affiliates of EARTHQUEST are not responsible for any damages, disappearances, injuries or loss, accidental or otherwise, which may occur or be caused during the course of the Expedition/Project to the destination of your choice.

Liability

You acknowledge that you have been informed by EARTHQUEST that for some parts of the aforementioned Project/Program/Course, no liability insurance is or can be carried by the operators of local transportation or facilities in the destination country, and that you take full responsibility for your health and safety during all portions of the Project/Program/Course.

Before you participate in any Program/Project/Course you will be required to complete a brief confidential personal data, health and liability/agreement form as well as a medical form. No one associated with the liability/agreement form or with the Program has made any representation or promise about the matters covered in the Agreement, apart from what is written in this agreement. In other words, this document contains the entire agreement between the Program participant and EARTHQUEST with respect to the matters covered by the agreement. By signing this agreement, reading, understanding and agreeing to these terms and conditions you acknowledge that EARTHQUEST cannot be held responsible, liable or accused of anything resulting in your dissatisfaction with the Program, our staff, affiliates, agents, partners or representatives. You acknowledge that you agree to waive and release all claims, demands or causes of action against EARTHQUEST and its agents and agree to indemnify them with regard to any financial obligations or liabilities that you may incur personally or any damage resulting from participation in the Program.

EARTHQUEST (Canada) for the Environment and its agents act only as agents for passengers/participants with respect to services provided passenger/participant by others including, but not limited to that service, on the express condition that EARTHQUEST and its agents are not liable for any failure in service, or injury, loss or damage, delay or inconvenience arising out of or in connection with any defect in any vehicle or any act, omission, accident, or error in providing such transportation, hotel, restaurant, or other service. If circumstances beyond EARTHQUESTs' control require cancellations or modification of an Project/Program/Course before commencement, operator's sole responsibility is refund of payments subject to terms and conditions outlined herein. In case of accident occurring during the land portion of any Project/Program/Course, passengers/participants must submit any claim therefore only to the competent judicial authorities where such accident occurred, to be determined exclusively in accordance with the laws of such jurisdiction. By accepting the coupons and tickets and utilizing the service you agree that neither EARTHQUEST nor its agents nor any affiliated companies or representatives shall be liable for any loss, injury or damage to you or your belongings or otherwise in connection with any occurrences beyond their control including breakdown in equipment, strikes, theft, delay or cancellation or changes in itinerary or schedules, etc. Remember, that travel documents, as well as compliance with customs regulations and laws are your responsibility. The ground/tour operator and its agents reserve the right to refuse to accept or retain any person as a member of the Project/Program/Course. The right is reserved to withdraw any or all Projects/Programs/Courses or project or portions thereof.

Payment of your non-refundable deposit is take as acknowledgement of and agreement to the above terms

As you contemplate taking our uniquely designed courses and programs please keep in mind that each course was designed with 20 - 25 years of practical experience condensed down to 4 - 6 weeks. We also consulted employers and asked them what they want to see in an employee.

Price List

FAT & Correspondence Courses

Level 1 Terrestrial FAT plant course:	\$600.00 CAD/person
Level 2 Terrestrial FAT plant course:	\$600.00 CAD/person
Level 1 Terrestrial FAT bird course:	\$600.00 CAD/person
Level 2 Terrestrial FAT bird course:	\$600.00 CAD/person
Level 1 Aquatic/Wetland plant course:	\$600.00 CAD/person
Level 2 Aquatic/Wetland plant course:	\$600.00 CAD/person
Grasses, sedges and rushes of Ontario:	\$600.00 CAD/person
Ferns of Ontario course:	\$600.00 CAD/person
Fungi of Ontario course:	\$600.00 CAD/person
Rare trees/shrubs of Ontario course:	\$600.00 CAD/person
Principles and concepts of Ecological Land Classification course:	\$1100.00 CAD/person
Wetland evaluation course:	\$1000.00 CAD/person
Level 1 ACCESS course:	\$600.00 CAD/person
Level 1 GIS course:	\$600.00 CAD/person
Level 1 Management/leadership course:	\$600.00 CAD/person

AFASST/field courses

Canadian:

7 days:	\$375.00 USD/person
10 days:	\$425.00 USD/person
14 days:	\$499.00 USD/person
1 month:	\$1750.00 USD/person
2 months:	\$2175.00 USD/person
4 months:	\$3350.00 USD/person

Workshops

1 day workshop (3 hours):	\$60.00 CAD/person
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Biological Field School

FAT Program (3 months)

\$3000.00 CAD/person for 5 courses. Students must take 3 or more courses to be registered full time and receive assistance with writing resumes, cover letters and preparing for interviews.

FAT Program (9 months)

\$7750.00 CAD

FAT Program (12 months)

\$11 500.00 CAD - a full time guaranteed environmental job is attached to this popular program.

