

2017 STUDENT APPLICATION

Live, Learn, Lead-Global Engagement

EXPL 3000



THOMPSON RIVERS
UNIVERSITY

Career Education Department

This Ecuadorian field school, offered by the TRU Career Education Department, is designed using an experiential model to integrate leadership and global volunteerism within a hybrid/blended learning experience. Through face-to-face seminars, discussions and reflective activities, combined with an intensive team volunteer experience abroad (in collaboration with a partner NGO), students will have the opportunity to experience a career in developing world projects. Students will also have the opportunity to develop global competencies and leadership skills needed to address global challenges in an ever changing world. Specifically, students will engage in:

- Global Cultural Awareness/Sensitivity, and Citizenry
- Experiential Learning and Leadership
- Stronger understanding of NGO operations and potential careers in international development

Faculty lead:	Larry Iles Career Education Department Old Main, 1712D Office: 250-371-5692 Email: liles@tru.ca
Field School Dates:	April 30 – May 17, 2017* (Dates approximate due to flight schedules)
Seminar Series:	9 required Seminars. To be scheduled based on student availability
Credit Value:	3
Prerequisites:	GPA-2.33 cumulative at time of application Minimum of 30 credits completed at time of application. Successful completion of English 1100
Participants:	A maximum of 15 students will be accepted. Early submission of applications is recommended. A minimum of 10 students is required to offer the course
Program Fee:	Approximate \$4600 (all students are eligible for \$500 CUEF funding). Costs may be reduced to required students fundraising activities.
Fees Include:	This price includes: tuition, 3 meals per day, bottled water, accommodation, in country transportation, return flight to Ecuador from Vancouver. This price excludes, travel insurance, personal spending money, meals not included on the itinerary, passport fees and vaccinations
Deposit:	A \$750.00 deposit must be submitted with application in the form of a cheque made out to Thompson Rivers University. The deposit (cheque) will be cashed once accepted in to the course. If a student does not have a chequing account, please contact the faculty leader to discuss alternate deposit methods.
Application Deadline:	November 25th, 2016 Submit completed application in person with \$750 deposit to: Larry Iles, OM 1712D <u>NOTE: A personal interview may be required as part of the selection process.</u>
Tuition Deadline	Refer to TRU Important Dates & Deadlines by visiting www.tru.ca/registration/dates.html . Additional course fees will be communicated following admission to course

APPLICATION CHECKLIST Personal Information Copy of transcript from myTRU Personal Statement
 Two
WrittenReferences:
1 academic, 1 character

Application
 Cheque for \$750

NOTE: If this course does not take place or the student is not admitted, the deposit will be returned to the student.

Print clearly. Please update student information in myTRU prior to the trip.

STUDENT PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name

First

Middle

Program of Study

Level/Year

Date of Birth

Age

Student #

Citizenship

Current Address:

Street Address

Apartment/Unit #

City

Prov.

Postal Code

Phone

E-mail Address

COPY OF TRU TRANSCRIPT

Please attach a copy of your most current transcript (available on mytru.ca)

PERSONAL STATEMENT AND REFERENCES

Please provide a typewritten personal statement not exceeding 500 words that includes:

- Your reasons for interest in the field school;
- How the program will help you meet your academic, career, and personal goals;
- A description of your character and your ability to adapt to and benefit from this international experience; and
- Any special circumstance and/or achievement that you would like considered supporting this application (For example: other spoken languages, previous research papers, non-school activities etc.).

Please provide us with the full names and telephone numbers and emails of two references:

1. One academic reference (normally a professor or instructor),
2. One character reference

NOTE: References may not be family members or friends/classmates. References letters to be submitted at time of application.

PARTICIPANT APPLICATION ASSESSMENT

Please read each item statement below carefully.

Select the appropriate box (Yes or No) and initial to indicate you understand and accept the statements.

Have you attended a Field School Information Session?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Initials
<p>The University cannot ensure that student travel will be problem free or account for all potential health and safety risks that students might experience while out of country. As a result, all student travelers have the primary responsibility to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare themselves in advance of international travel; • Research and be aware of the risks involved in their planned trip; • Ensure they are physically, medically, and mentally prepared for the travel; • Ensure they have appropriate medical and other insurance for the travel; • Conduct themselves in a safe manner while travelling; and • Bring any concerns they may have to the attention of the activity leader as well as the TRU World Study Abroad Centre as soon as possible after the concern arises. 	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Initials
<p>As a representative of Thompson Rivers University, and Canada, you will be removed from the course if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are injured or appear ill to the extent that you cannot effectively participate in the course, or present a potential risk to the people around you; • Do not abide by the laws of the country and/or state in which you are visiting; • Engage in inappropriate behaviour toward other individuals as a result of substance abuse; and • Engage in behaviour that negatively impacts and/or causes embarrassment to the other members of the group, the faculty member(s), or the in-country host(s) as a result of substance abuse, disrespectful behaviour, and/or encouraging other members to behave poorly. 	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Initials
<p>If removed from the Field School course for the reasons stated above you may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be requested to leave the country immediately; • Remain in the field school group, however be withdrawn from all activities associated with the course; and • Not be entitled to a refund of any amount. <p>NOTE: You have the right to appeal as per the TRU Student Academic Appeals Ed 4-0 policy</p>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Initials
There may be little "free-time" associated with this course. There will be curfews and/or meeting times set by the instructors.	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Initials
Any student planning to participate in Off-Campus Activities and Travel who has concerns about their personal safety during the upcoming Off-Campus Activities and Travel should identify their concerns with the activity leader and/or their unit head as well as the TRU World Study Abroad Centre who will work with the student to assess the issue.	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Initials
Living conditions are comfortable but simple. Note you may be required to share your sleeping quarters with one or more fellow students of the same gender.	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Initials
Once a financial commitment has been made to this course, you will not be eligible for a refund of your deposit.	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Initials

DISCLAIMER AND SIGNATURE

Thompson Rivers University respects your privacy. Personal information is collected for the purpose of administering enrollment into EXPL 3000, reviewing the submitted information, and assessing that participants meet the course conditions and prerequisites. At all times, personal information will be protected in accordance with the BC Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Please sign below if you agree with this disclaimer.

Participant Signature		Date
Participant Print Name		Date

SIGNATURE

If you have concerns or questions regarding your health and/or preparedness for travel, we encourage you to consult with a health care professional, TRU World Study Abroad Centre, TRU Student Counseling Services, or Disability Services.

By signing this application, I certify that all statements on this application are true and complete and I authorize TRU to verify them.

Participant Signature		Date
Participant Print Name		Date

COMPLETED BY FACULTY LEAD

TRU Representative Signature: Date

TRU Representative Print Name: Date

Additional comments: