

Kickstart your career with Para La Tierra



Para La Tierra offers you the opportunity to learn new skills and develop your professional profile towards a career in science, while driving positive change in Paraguay.



Fundación Para La Tierra is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation of fragile habitats in Paraguay through **scientific research**, **community engagement**, and **environmental education**, while inspiring the next generation of conservationists.

PLT was founded in Paraguay over ten years ago and has contributed to strengthening the movement of **environmental awareness** and **scientific investigation** by being the only **year-round research station** in the country.

Interns' Achievements

- 31 scientific articles published and under review
- Over 200 research projects
- 16 PhDs and PhD candidates
- More than 150 careers in conservation



PLT's Achievements

- 133 scientific papers published
- Over 120 new records for Paraguay
- 10 new species discovered
- 2nd largest natural reference collection in Paraguay

Own your research project!

Para La Tierra offers you a unique opportunity to work closely with our dedicated scientific team on your own research project or incorporate your skills into our diverse museum or community engagement projects.

Discover Paraguay's vibrant wildlife and contribute to conservation in the heart of South America.



Contact Us

How to apply: please send a cover letter and a CV to Karina at paralatierra.py@gmail.com

www.paralatierra.org



Internships with Para La Tierra



As a PLT intern, you will gain hands-on experience and strengthen your scientific and academic skills to boost your CV. Your project will help raise awareness of the ecological importance of the surrounding habitats and/or help children develop life-skills and gain access to interactive education.

Cost: ~ \$900 per month for 3 months minimum
Full bed and board, field equipment, transportation to field sites, professional supervision and WiFi included

Wildlife projects

Design your **own ecological research project** in the understudied Ñeembucú Wetland Complex and contribute to long-term research in Southern Paraguay.

You will be in charge of every step of your project, from collecting your data to presenting your results. You will learn new monitoring techniques and build a robust methodology for data analysis, with a potential for publication.

Example projects:

- *City life effects on body condition and stress responses in **Howler Monkeys***
- *Microplastic presence in **freshwater fish** in the Ñeembucú Wetland Complex*
- *Impact on **frog** call rates in response to anthropogenic noise and light*
- *Diversity and abundance of **waterbirds** in the Ñeembucú Wetland Complex*



Environmental Education

Through **Voces de la Naturaleza**, our award-winning environmental education program, you'll help children develop and strengthen soft skills through active learning and by engaging their curiosity, helping them understand how ecosystems work and why they need to be protected. Working with children is incredibly rewarding and can boost your career prospects in social sciences and international studies.



Museum science

Para La Tierra houses the **second largest natural history reference collection** in Paraguay. If you are passionate about **taxonomy**, our museum curator will teach you how to identify the local fauna and flora, and how to prepare and maintain scientific specimens.

Example project:

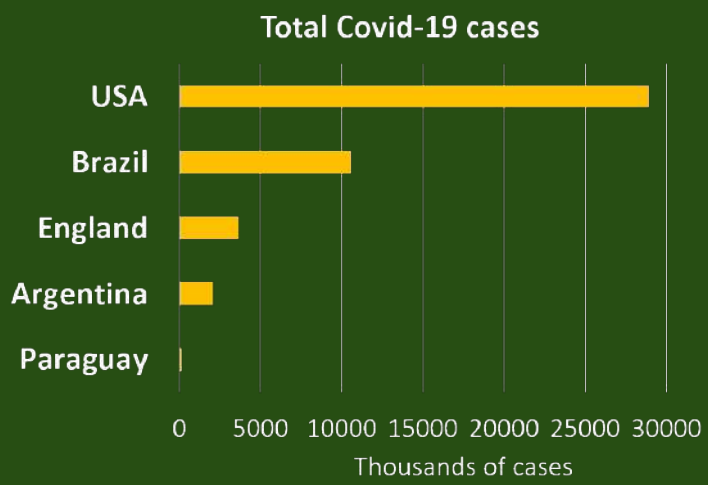
- *Analysis of morphometric differences in frogs from the Atlantic Forest, Cerrado and Wetland habitats*

Covid-19 Update

The well-being of our visitors remains PLT's highest priority and we are following the advice of experts. We have implemented rigorous health and safety protocols in accordance with worldwide recommendations to keep everyone safe and healthy during their stay.

Covid-19 in Paraguay

Paraguay is one of the safest countries of South America in terms of numbers of positive Covid cases, with currently less than 22,000 active cases. Borders with neighboring countries are closed and social gatherings are prohibited, limiting the contamination risks. Covid tests are easy to obtain and vaccination campaigns have begun across the country.



PLT Covid-19 protocols

PLT has enforced strict rules to ensure everyone's safety inside the PLT house. To enter Paraguay, you are required to have a negative PCR test 72 hours prior to arrival and we ask interns to quarantine for ten days in a private room, if they are not fully vaccinated. Mask wearing and social distancing are required in all common areas of the house.



Covid won't impact your project

Despite Covid-19 protocols in place, fieldwork both in the city and the wetlands is as rewarding as always. Your quarantine will be a great opportunity for you to work on your project plan with your supervisor, before starting your fieldwork. Rules won't affect your internship with PLT, and COVID won't stop you from enjoying a once in a lifetime experience studying Paraguay's unique wildlife with likeminded people!

