

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### General Information

#### What is the Conservation Training Program?

The Conservation Training Program is a structured academic and field-based experience designed for participants seeking applied training in wildlife conservation, fieldwork, and supervised technical learning in real working environments. It is not a tourism product or a casual volunteer trip.

#### Who is this program for?

This program is intended for final-year university students, recent graduates, and early-career professionals with a serious interest in wildlife conservation, field biology, environmental management, and applied field training.

#### Who is not a good fit for this program?

This program is not intended for tourists seeking to “disconnect” or simply enjoy a nature-based travel experience. It is an academic and technical training program with clear expectations, supervision, and responsibilities.

### Eligibility and Requirements

#### What is the minimum age?

Applicants must be at least **21 years old**.

#### What academic background is required?

Applicants should be **final-year university students** or hold at least a **bachelor’s degree**.

#### Do I need to speak Spanish?

Yes. Participants must have at least **basic Spanish** proficiency.

#### What physical condition is expected?

Participants must be in **good physical condition** and able to work safely in Amazonian and field environments.



### **Are there health or vaccination requirements?**

Participants must comply with all **health and vaccination requirements established by the Peruvian government** and are responsible for checking current requirements with the relevant authorities before traveling.

### **Is travel insurance required?**

Yes. Participants are expected to travel with valid **health and travel insurance**.

## **Application Process**

### **How do I apply?**

Applicants must complete the application process indicated on the website, including the requested personal, academic, and logistical information.

### **Is the program selective?**

Yes. This is a **selective program**, and applications are reviewed to ensure a strong fit between the applicant, the field context, and the academic standard of the program.

### **Is there an interview?**

Yes. Shortlisted applicants may be invited to an interview as part of the selection process.

### **Can I choose my preferred start date?**

The program operates with suggested cohort dates, but in some cases other start dates may be coordinated in advance.

## **Program Structure**

### **How long can I participate?**

The program may be available in **30, 45, 60, or 90-day** formats, depending on the track and objectives.



### **What will I do during the program?**

Activities vary by site and track, but may include field support, technical learning, data recording, supervised participation in conservation activities, and structured deliverables.

### **Will I receive supervision?**

Yes. This is a **supervised technical training program**, and participants are expected to work under guidance and according to field protocols.

### **Will I receive a certificate?**

Yes. Participants who complete the program and fulfill its requirements may receive a **certificate of participation or completion**.

## **Accommodation, Meals, and Daily Life**

### **Are meals included?**

Yes. **Meals are guaranteed** as part of the program.

### **What if I am vegetarian or vegan?**

Vegetarian and vegan participants are welcome, but they must **inform the program in advance** so that the necessary adjustments can be made.

### **What are the accommodation conditions like?**

Accommodation is organized according to the site and field context. Participants should expect a practical and well-managed setup rather than luxury lodging.

### **Will I be able to socialize with the local team?**

Yes. Participants will have opportunities to **interact and socialize with the local team**, which is an important part of the experience and helps strengthen cultural and professional exchange.

### **Will there be opportunities to go into town?**

Yes. Depending on the site, schedule, and logistics, participants may have **occasional opportunities to visit the city**.



## **Travel and Logistics**

### **Is airport pickup included?**

Yes. **Transportation from the airport is guaranteed** as part of the program logistics.

### **Are there any extra local benefits in the Amazon?**

In some Amazon-based locations, participants may have access to **special discounts at tourism operators or cafés partnered with AMARU**, depending on availability and local agreements.

### **What should I bring?**

A packing list may be provided before arrival, but participants should expect to bring appropriate field clothing, boots, personal medication, documents, and personal essentials for field conditions.

## **Internet and Connectivity**

### **Will I have internet access?**

Yes. **Internet access is considered a priority in the work areas**, and the program aims to guarantee internet availability **approximately 90% of the time**.

### **Will internet always be perfect?**

Not necessarily. Connectivity may vary depending on location, weather, or operational conditions, but maintaining access is a priority for the program.

## **Safety and Conduct**

### **Are the field sites safe?**

The program is designed with supervision, protocols, and safety considerations in mind. However, participants must understand that real field settings involve some level of risk and require maturity, caution, and responsibility.



### **What safety rules must participants follow?**

Participants must follow all field instructions, site protocols, and supervisor guidance at all times.

### **What kind of behavior is expected?**

Participants are expected to behave with responsibility, punctuality, respect, discipline, and cultural sensitivity toward the team, local partners, communities, and wildlife.

### **What happens if a participant ignores the rules?**

Unsafe behavior or repeated failure to follow instructions may result in warnings, restricted participation, or removal from the program.

## **Academic Value and Outcomes**

### **What will I gain from this program?**

Participants gain exposure to real conservation settings, structured field learning, technical discipline, supervised experience, and the opportunity to complete meaningful deliverables.

### **Can this help me prepare for graduate study or a wildlife career?**

Yes. The program is designed to strengthen practical understanding, field exposure, and technical maturity, which can be valuable for academic and professional paths in conservation.

### **What are structured deliverables?**

Depending on the duration and track, structured deliverables may include field notes, records, reports, mini-project outputs, or other supervised technical products.

### **What is the AMARU Conservation Standard?**

The AMARU Conservation Standard reflects the program's commitment to structured participation, technical seriousness, supervision, field discipline, and meaningful learning in real conservation contexts.

## **Final Questions**

### **Is this a tourism experience?**

No. This is **not** a tourism experience. It is a structured academic and technical training program.

### **What kind of applicant is the best fit?**

The strongest applicants are serious, adaptable, academically motivated, respectful, and genuinely interested in conservation work beyond the image of travel or adventure.

### **What should I do if I still have questions?**

You may contact the program directly through the website contact form or official email for further information.

