



Study Abroad in Ecuador

Doctor of Plant Medicine Program



Support for Students

UF/IFAS Doctor of Plant Medicine Program

The Doctor of Plant Medicine (DPM) Program was established in 1999 by the University of Florida College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (UF, CALS), and is one of only two professional plant doctor programs in the entire U.S. The mission of the DPM Program is to provide premier professional doctoral training for plant scientists, and provide hands-on, practical, multi-disciplinary plant health training in plant pathology, entomology, nematology, horticultural sciences, soil sciences, and more. Our graduates are important team members and leaders in their industry, and go on to pursue careers as diagnosticians, crop consultants, plant inspectors, regulatory scientists, managers, and other plant health professions.



In 2017, as part of the premier doctoral training, students have an opportunity to study abroad in Ecuador for the first time in this program's history. Students will enrich their knowledge about tropical crops, agricultural practices, and technologies.

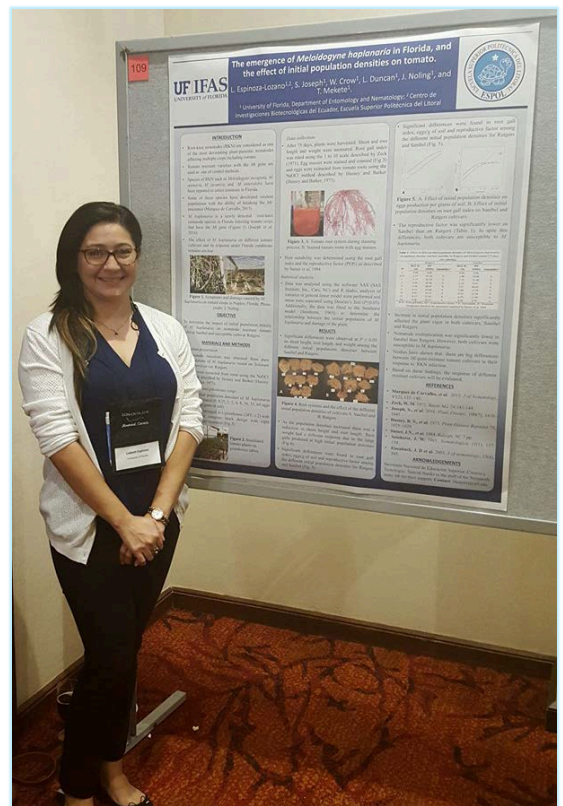
Why Ecuador

Ecuador is one of the most biodiverse countries in the world, which allows students to improve their knowledge in tropical crops like cacao, banana, and coffee, among others. In addition, students can experience other agricultural practices and technologies applied in underdeveloped countries. Conversely, students can share technological and scientific advances in the U.S. with their Ecuadorian counterparts. This trip will also serve as an opportunity to strengthen relationships with faculty at the Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral (ESPOL), a public university in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

Your Support is Needed

Our goal is to raise **\$20,000 for 15 students** to participate, which is roughly \$1,333 per student. Your support will not only provide students with an opportunity to travel abroad and gain new perspectives in Plant Medicine, but provide a critical professional development component that strengthens their academic experience.

Thank you for your consideration.



Study abroad student Lisbeth Espinoza Lozano at a nematode conference in Montreal, presenting her research.

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