Partner Organization Project Proposal
Conservation Leadership through Learning - Colorado State University

Thank you for your interest in CLTL. We are excited to work with you to develop Capstone Project opportunities for our students. Please read through our Project Partner webpage, and then fill out this project interest form to propose your project ideas and email it to Terra.Smith@colostate.edu.

Organization Information
Organization Name: Paso Pacifico
Primary Contact: Eduardo Boné
Office Phone Number: 
Primary Contact Email: 
Alternate Phone Number: 

Capstone Project Information
Students will participate in coursework at CSU from August 2016 to May 2017. Capstone project fieldwork will commence June 2017 and be completed by October 1, with all deliverables completed by December 1, 2017.

✔ Please check this box to acknowledge these dates.

Brief Project Description:
Paso Pacifico is implementing a system to measure its results for conservation and local livelihoods. The system intends to serve as a scientific and outreach tool to measure and communicate the organization’s outcomes. For this project, Paso Pacifico will work with CSU-CLTL students to assess and improve this system. Students will immerse into the organization’s projects and interact with a myriad of stakeholders to understand the use of this system.

Below are the project criteria. Please check each criterion the project would likely meet.

✔ Community-based: on-the-ground work at a community/regional level, including interactions with and/or exposure to local decision-makers and/or stakeholders
✔ Multi-disciplinary: analysis and investigation of a conservation issue through multiple lenses (e.g., ecological, economic, social, political)
✔ Cross-cultural: opportunities for students to interact with individuals and/or in a culture vastly different than their own
✔ Networking: opportunities for students to interact with other conservation professionals

Capstone projects should provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge from their CLTL coursework. Please check the topics the proposed project would address:

✔ Biodiversity ✔ Systems thinking
✔ Governance/Decision-making ✔ Policy
✔ Facilitation ✔ Ecosystem services
✔ Spatial analysis ✔ Collaborative conservation
✔ Social science research methods ✔ Ecological research methods
✔ Multi-level views of conservation ✔ Outreach
Students are required to provide their project partner with a professional-level deliverable (e.g., management plan, technical report, communication materials, set of policy briefs, series of podcasts, etc.). Please provide a brief description of potential deliverables for your project:

Technical report including a comprehensive assessment of Paso Pacífico's monitoring and communication system, along with recommendations for its improvement.

Please describe the project team, including who the student(s) would likely work with at the project site or if it would be mostly independent:

The student will interact with key Paso Pacífico project coordinators.

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<td>Project location (city, state/province, country): Rivas, Nicaragua</td>
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Desired Number of Students: Min 1 Max 3

Please indicate in-kind support, if any, the student would receive (check all that apply):

- [ ] Room and board during fieldwork
- [ ] Translators
- [ ] Travel to/from U.S. to project location
- [ ] Additional support Please describe:

Please elaborate on any of the checked items above:

The students will join Paso Pacífico staff members in their daily routines to learn more about the operation of the organization. During that time students can travel with Paso Pacífico's vehicles and stay at their office in the rural community of Ostional. Some staff members speak English.

Preferred/Required skills and experience of the student(s):

- Language proficiency: [ ] Preferred [ ] Required Specify language: Spanish

- Technical skills: [ ] Preferred [ ] Required

Please specify: Facilitation, GIS, community-based experience.

- Prior experience in country/region: [ ] Preferred [ ] Required

Please describe the connectivity at project site (e.g., internet access, mobile phone coverage):

Most of the area where Paso Pacífico operates has mobile phone coverage. Internet access is limited in some areas but there are different alternatives if this access is required.

Additional Comments:

Paso Pacífico has three offices, one in California and two in Nicaragua: Managua and Ostional. Students can use these offices for meetings, workshops or working places.

Thank you for proposing a CLTL Capstone Project. We will contact you with any further questions about the proposed projects. If you have questions, please feel free to contact us at Terra.Smith@colostate.edu. We look forward to working with you.