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: NGO Andean Conservancy  
Primary Contact: Fernando Iglesias Letelier  
Office Phone Number:  
Primary Contact Email:  
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**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:**

The Parque Pirque project supports the process of converting the existing Río Clarillo National Reserve into the first National Park of the Metropolitan Region of Santiago. To this end, it is necessary to include the surrounding private protected areas into the design of the future park. The project aims to create a new conservation model in Chile that combines public and private lands in order to protect this natural treasure, thus making it available for future generations. The overall project goal is to engage the community of Pirque in a collaborative process to outline steps to create this new National Park.

**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  
✔ Governance/Decision-making  
✔ Facilitation  
✔ Spatial analysis  
✔ Social science research methods  
✔ Multi-level views of conservation  
✔ Systems thinking  
✔ Policy  
✔ Ecosystem services  
✔ Collaborative conservation  
✔ Ecological research methods  
✔ 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:

The requested support will be in three lines of actions: 1) Guide the project planning team in actively engaging community participation in the new park establishment, 2) provide recommendations and guidance for actively engaging youth of the community in environmental and conservation education programs related to the new park establishment and 3) provide recommendations and guidance for establishing a trail network that connects all the mountain ranges surrounding the future Parque Pirque National Park.

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:

Executive Director of NGO Andean Conservancy (Student coordinator), Superintendent of Rio Clarillo National Reserve, Parque Pirque Project Staff and Volunteer Staff

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**Project Details**

Project location (city, state/province, country): Near Santiago, Chile

Desired Number of Students: Min 1 Max 5

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:

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

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

Technical skills:  [ ] Required

Please specify:

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

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

The project site will have mobile phone coverage and internet access.

Additional Comments:

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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.