

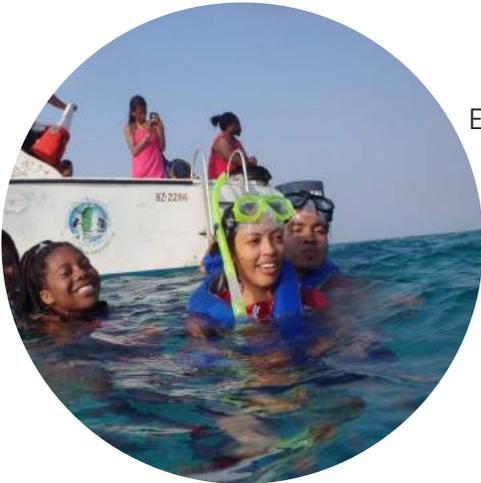
CONSERVATION FOR THE NEXT GENERATION



Ecology Project International (EPI) involves young people from the U.S. and Latin America in hands-on science and conservation projects that protect species and habitat in five countries, bridging the gap between cultures and empowering the next generation of conservation leaders. We make a difference in the world, one student at a time.

Our Programs

Nearly 30,000 students have participated in our field programs since EPI was established in the year 2000. Of those participants, more than 80% are local youth living in communities adjacent to the project site. Our impact is profound on both local and visiting students, establishing a lifelong commitment to conservation.



Belize

EPI students engage in lionfish and coral research in the marine ecosystem of the largest barrier reef in the northern hemisphere. They also participate in bird and terrestrial mammal research at Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary, as well as ongoing research on the endangered xate plant at the Las Cuervas Field Station of the Chiquibul National Park.

Costa Rica

On the Caribbean and Pacific coasts of Costa Rica, students monitor sea turtles, gather vital data for ongoing scientific research, and protect baby turtles and nests from human and environmental threats. Students also help restore mangrove ecosystems by monitoring the health of native plants, collecting seeds, and planting mangroves.



Galapagos

In the Galapagos Islands, students work with Galapagos National Park to rehabilitate the threatened giant Galapagos land tortoise. Youth support biodiversity protection by helping researchers and park rangers monitor wild tortoises, protect nests, care for juveniles, eradicate invasive species, and restore habitat.



Mexico

Whale, Sea Turtle, and Coastal Ecosystems Ecology programs in Mexico engage youth in marine biodiversity protection and research. Students collect data on cetaceans and invertebrates to monitor populations and ecosystem health in order to support and evaluate conservation zones, proactively address threats to marine life, and help ensure the future stability of the Gulf of California marine environment.



Yellowstone

In and around Yellowstone National Park, students contribute to an ongoing bison grazing study as well as a winter cougar survey. Students also go 'undercover' for the park service and observe park visitor compliance with bear safety recommendations. Summer groups make an immediate impact on habitat through conservation service projects to improve wildlife migration opportunities and reduce invasive weeds.

Our Goals

CONSERVATION:

We partner students with scientists to enhance conservation through applied field projects, helping protect threatened species and ecosystems.

EDUCATION:

EPI participants gain a better understanding of ecological systems and processes through participatory field science.

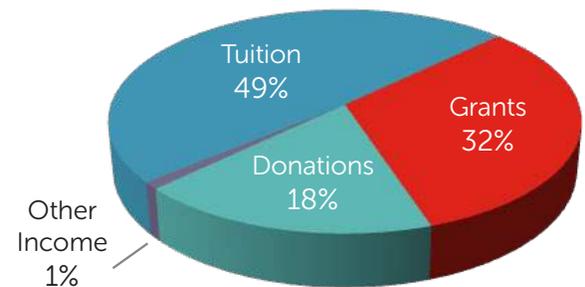
CULTURAL EXCHANGE:

We inspire global citizens by fostering cooperation between international and local students, teachers, and scientists.

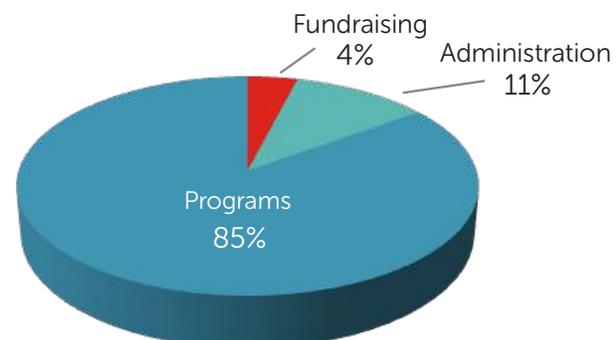
Our Financial Picture

- Half of EPI's budget is generated by earned income via course tuition, providing a match for all donations.
- Donations fund experiential, hands-on education activities for underserved, local teens at all of our program sites.
- Because all participants pay a portion of their program costs, they are personally invested in project outcomes.
- We operate as a lean organization, with 85% of our \$5.6 million dollar annual budget covering direct program expenses.

FY 2016 REVENUE



FY 2016 EXPENSES



"This EPI course was an opportunity for me to learn more about science and nature in a dynamic, 'real life' way. I now understand how important it is to keep our own planet healthy for future generations."

- JULEXI, GALAPAGOS 2016