General Application Form

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Complete each question by marking the correct answer:

1. Current classification:
   - [ ] Freshman
   - [ ] Sophomore
   - [ ] Junior
   - [ ] Senior
   - [ ] Graduate
   Graduation Date: ______________

2. Taking this course for credit towards:
   - [ ] Biology Major
   - [ ] Environmental Science Major
   - [ ] Biology Minor
   - [ ] Biology Masters
   - [ ] Other

3. Prerequisite (‘C’ or better; BIOL 1406 & 1407) or equivalent:
   - [ ] Completed both courses
   - [ ] Will complete both by May 2022
   - [ ] Will not be completed by May 2022

4. List advanced Biology courses taken (by name):

5. Are you planning to graduate before your study abroad program starts? Yes [ ] No [ ]

   *If you graduate before your study abroad program begins, your enrollment in the related course(s) will be canceled. To participate post-graduation, you must be accepted as a graduate or post-graduate student at Lamar University before the study abroad program starts.*

6. Research experience: [ ] Yes [ ] No

7. Cumulative GPA by January 2022: ____________ Credit hours by January 2022: ________

8. Write a brief statement on what you hope to gain from the program.
9. Which general topics engage your biological curiosity? (check all that apply)
   [ ] Terrestrial ecosystems  [ ] Limnetic/marine ecosystems  [ ] Vertebrate wildlife
   [ ] Invertebrate Zoology  [ ] Plants/botany  [ ] Microbes; disease

10. Do you require special accommodations due to disability-based reasons?  Yes [ ]  No [ ]
    If yes, attach a brief description of accommodations needed.

11. Swimming Ability:
    [ ] Certified life guard  [ ] Strong & confident  [ ] Average & comfortable  [ ] Weak & uneasy
    Non-Swimmer:
    [ ] Will take lessons  [ ] Will not take any lessons

12. Any special dietary needs?
    [ ] Vegan or Vegetarian  [ ] Allergy:  [ ] Other:  

13. Outdoor Experience:
    [ ] Tent camper  [ ] Cabin camper  [ ] Day trips  [ ] Stay indoors

14. Canoeing Experience
    [ ] Advanced  [ ] Adequate  [ ] None/little experience

15. Statement of Financial Commitment and Schedule Agreement:
    This statement is to inform you of Lamar University and Tropical Biology Program (TBP) policies regarding
    financial and scheduling expectations for maintaining acceptance in the TBP. All students must enroll and pay
    tuition and fees for both program courses (eight credit hours total) at the undergraduate or graduate level by
    May 4, 2022. In addition, the travel fee of $3,650 must be paid on scheduled installment dates. Apply & make
    payments by clicking on the appropriate buttons on the Study Abroad website.

    Application Deadline: February 1, 2022
    ($200 deposit due as soon as a student applies to reserve their spot)
    1st Payment: $1,725 due on Feb. 15, 2022
    2nd Payment: $1,725 due on March 15, 2022 (full program cost due)

    Students who drop from the program AFTER the 1st payment due date will still be responsible for HALF the program cost. Students
    who drop from the program AFTER the final payment due date will still be responsible for the FULL program cost.

    Program travel fee payments are non-refundable upon acceptance into the program. Academic issues that will
    result in removal from the program without refund of program travel fee payments include: 1) Not maintaining a
    cumulative GPA of 2.00 at the completion of the Spring 2022 semester; 2) not having completed all program
    pre-requisites (‘C’ or better in BIOL 1406 & 1407) prior to the start of the study abroad program; and 3) not
    attending pre-travel program meetings and pre-travel lectures in May Mini-session (see below). Dropping the
    courses once registered, either intentionally or due to non-payment, will remove you from the program without
    refund of travel fee payments. If students withdraw from the program after receiving the Study Abroad Fee
    Grant, those funds will be owed back to Lamar University.

    During the spring semester there will be mandatory group meetings called by Dr. Hoch or the Office of Study
    Abroad to review travel plans, logistical issues, and pre-departure orientation to prepare students for a rewarding
    experience in Belize. Although you will be enrolled in the program courses for Summer Session 1, the Lamar
    University campus lectures will begin during the days of the May Mini-session, May 11-27 2022. Classes during
    the May Mini-session will meet from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  Planned travel for June 2-15, 2022.

    Sign and date below to indicate you have read, understood, and agree to the Statement of Financial Commitment
    and Schedule Agreement.

    Student Signature:  
    Date:  

*Important note about program payments for LU faculty-led programs*  All program payments are made to the LU Cashier’s Office
using a debit card, personal check, cashier’s check, money order, cash, and/or wire transfer. Ask your program director about payment
deadlines. All program payments are non-refundable. Payment of LU tuition and fees for the courses offered on study abroad programs
is due separately from trip payments and should be made to the LU Cashier’s Office at the time tuition is due for your term abroad.