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## Smithsonian-Mason School of Conservation

# Undergraduate Programs

Join us for a semester program at the Smithsonian-Mason School of Conservation. We offer three residential programs for undergraduates and recent graduates committed to the study of conservation. Students can take one program of study or all three.

### **Conservation, Biodiversity and Society**

Explore hands-on ways that science, management and policy address current conservation issues in and out of the field

### **Wildlife Ecology and Conservation**

Apply cutting-edge field techniques to survey species in the wild and investigate ecological patterns and processes from local to global scales

### **Endangered Species Conservation**

Evaluate vulnerabilities of small populations and develop successful conservation actions to save them from extinction

## FIELDWORK - LAB WORK - TEAMWORK

### **SMSC MISSION**

*The Smithsonian-Mason School of Conservation seeks to sustain global biodiversity by advancing the theory and practice of conservation biology with transformative, transdisciplinary education.*

- Programs are located at the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute in Front Royal, Virginia.
- Open to students from any accredited college/university who have a desire to learn about conservation in a living learning community.
- Scholarships and financial aid are available.

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## Engaging Students in Conservation Biology

The Smithsonian-Mason School for Conservation is an innovative partnership between the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute and George Mason University that answers the emerging imperative to provide hands-on, integrated, skills-based learning experiences for students interested in environmental conservation.

Students in our programs:

- Apply techniques from diverse disciplines in an experiential learning environment that emphasizes problem solving and critical thinking
- Learn practical skills to address emerging challenges in the complex field of conservation studies through fieldwork, lab work, and analysis of real-world case studies
- Emerge from the program prepared for the next step in their conservation career

## Building a Community of Practice

- Students learn from experts within conservation and interact with peers from diverse backgrounds.
- Conservation experts serve as mentors to students from differing majors, increasing productive interactions and collaborations.

## The Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute

The Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute (SCBI) plays a leading role in the Smithsonian's global effort to save wildlife species and train future generations of conservationists. SCBI scientists tackle some of today's most complex conservation challenges by applying and sharing what they learn about animal behavior and reproduction, ecology, genetics, migration and conservation sustainability.



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