



THE PANAMA TROPICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

PARENT'S GUIDE
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OVERVIEW

Kalu Yala is a sustainable town being built in a Panamanian river valley. Our mission is to build and redesign places to be more socially and environmentally responsible. By constructing a town from scratch, we aim to design an optimized model of living to share with the world.

CAMPUS & FACILITIES

PTRI operates out of the sustainable camp of Kalu Yala, in the Tres Brazos Valley next to the Chagres National Forest in Panama. We're just an hour away from the metropolitan capital of Panama City but completely secluded in the tropical jungle. We live in rancho homes and run off solar power, food forest, satellite internet, classrooms, and emerging businesses all housed on site.

FACTS

1,000+ Students
24 Semesters
216 Universities
46 Countries

PROGRAMS

- Agriculture
- Biology
- Design
- Outdoor Rec

EDUCATION

The Kalu Yala Institute is for students and entrepreneurs passionate about addressing social and environmental issues through the discovery and application of scalable solutions and products. Each program explores a robust curriculum over a 10-week semester. Students gain mastery and experience through daily director-led lectures and workshops, individual and group projects, accomplished guest speaks, and relevant field trips.

For more information, please contact admissions@tropicalresearchinstitute.org.



FACULTY

Our instructors have demonstrated extraordinary passion and expertise in their fields, and in the greater overall theme of sustainability. Many hold Masters Degrees or PH.Ds, have started successful businesses, and/or come to Kalu Yala with years of experience. They're trained to both impart their expertise and act as mentors as students navigate their experience in Panama, their studies, and careers beyond.

FINANCE

Compared to similar study abroad programs, Kalu Yala is consistently the most affordable on a tuition-per-week basis. Unlike other programs, housing and full meal plan are included in tuition.



WHAT ALUMNI SAY

- 92% of alumni would recommend our program to a friend.
- 94% of alumni said their experience at KY positively contributed to career growth, citing beneficial experience for medical school applications, developing critical soft skills for community development, and transformative exposure to new academic fields.
- 98% positive reviews on GoOverseas.com, an online directory of abroad programs.
- 15% of alumni loved their time at Kalu Yala so much they applied and we're accepted to staff positions.

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