A Year in the Amazon Rainforest: Conservation Amazonica, a Peruvian non-profit focused on biodiversity conservation in the Andes Amazon region, offers year-long research fellowships at its Los Amigos Biological Station in the lowland Amazon.

Successful applicants will work as a team member with other fellows under the leadership of Drs Alejandro Lopera, Adrian Forsyth, and Judith Westveer. The research topics covered will include the metagenomics of blood-feeding invertebrates, hydrological controls of biodiversity, canopy arthropod ecology and many other aspects of tropical insect ecology and behavioral ecology.

Los Amigos is a lowland Amazonian site with terra firme and floodplain rainforest, palm swamp, bamboo thickets and many other successional habitats and aquatic ecosystems. It supports the full megafauna of jaguars, harpy eagles, giant otters, giant armadillos, giant anteaters, anacondas, tapir, peccary, and a rich and diverse flora. The insect diversity is extreme.

This fellowship is ideal for candidates who have a thirst for learning natural history and the energy and commitment to work hard under difficult conditions. It will be a ton of fun, but slackers need not apply. You must want to work hard, and be willing to get rained on, get muddy, get bitten by mosquitoes, and experience fully what it is to do field biology in a hyper-diverse place. It might be the most intense experience of your life.

To apply please send a detailed CV and a statement of interest letter. The deadline is May 15, 2021 with a start date of July 1, 2021. Send your email with the subject line “Amazon Conservation Research Fellowship– your name”. Applicants who do not follow these simple guidelines will not be considered. Only successful applicants continuing to the interview stage will be contacted. Send the email to the following addresses:

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The start date will be July 1, 2021 at Los Amigos Biological Station- see https://www.amazonconservation.org/what-we-do/put-science-and-tech-to-work/research-stations/los-amigos-conservation-hub/