2014 International GeoBiology Course
June 8-July 10, 2014
Eastern Sierra Nevada • Mono/Walker Lakes
Los Angeles (Cal State Fullerton/USC) • USC Wrigley Institute on Catalina Island

Application Deadline: February 15, 2014

Please send application materials to:

Ann Close
GeoBiology Course Coordinator
University of Southern California Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies
3616 Trousdale Parkway, Los Angeles, California
USA 90089-0371

Email: close@usc.edu

Thank you for your interest in the 2014 International GeoBiology Course. The following information is required of all applicants. Please include the following documents or notify us if some will be submitted separately.

- Application form
- Evaluations
- Curriculum vitae including statements of:
  (a) Academic training and research experience and
  (b) Research/career goals and interests
- Financial Aid Request (if applicable)

Deadline: Completed application materials and evaluations must be received by February 15, 2014. Items received after this date cannot be guaranteed consideration by the course Admission Committee. Please submit all your materials electronically if at all possible. No hardcopies necessary.

Acceptance: Decisions of the Admission Committee will be emailed in mid-late March. Committee decisions are final. You will be asked to acknowledge acceptance to the course by return email.

Travel and other Course Information: Travel, housing, financial assistance and other necessary enrollment information will be enclosed with the admission letter. Students with non-United States passports will be advised as to the appropriate instructions for visitor visa applications at the US embassy in their country.
APPLICATION FORM

Family Name ____________________________ First Name ____________________________ M/F _________

Citizenship (country) ____________________________ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) _____ / _____ / ______

Institutional Mailing Address: ______________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________

ZIP Code _______________ State _________________ Country ______

Telephone ______________________________ Fax # ________________________________

Email: ______________________________________________________

Home Mailing Address: _________________________________________

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ZIP Code _______________ State _________________ Country ______

Contact Tel. No (Home or cell phone): _____________________________________________

Please indicate preferred mailing address: □ Institution □ Home

Current Institutional Affiliation:

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Academic Advisor:

________________________________________________________

Present Position: ___________________________ Position held since: ______________
(if student, give current status of education)

Degree earned or expected School Year Field of Concentration

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How did you learn about this course? ____________________________________________

Date ________________ Applicant Signature ____________________________________________
Information supporting your application

All information listed below must be enclosed with your application or be submitted separately and be received by the GeoBiology Course Coordinator before February 15, 2014.

GeoBiology 2014 requires complete student participation in all aspects of the program and the ability to quickly grasp concepts and contents of other science branches for the full duration of the course. Weekdays begin with lectures that often include group discussions. Afternoons are devoted to hands-on laboratory exercises that may run into late night hours. Other evenings are devoted to colloquia or computer aided modeling exercises. Some afternoons and evenings are reserved for the student’s own course research project. You will recognize that there is little time for much else but course work and you should be aware of this as you prepare the statements requested of you below.

Evaluations

Please request written evaluations from two individuals familiar with your academic and research backgrounds and goals. Evaluation guidelines for evaluators are enclosed. Sealed evaluations may be submitted with other application materials by you, or be sent by the evaluator directly (email is fine) to the Geobiology Course Coordinator.

The two required evaluations should not come from faculty members of the course.

Please provide the name, institution and e-mail address of the two individuals whom you have asked to submit evaluations.

Evaluator 1:  □ Evaluation included  □ Evaluation will be sent directly

Name ____________________________  Institution ____________________________

E-Mail ____________________________

Evaluator 2:  □ Evaluation included  □ Evaluation will be sent directly

Name ____________________________  Institution ____________________________

E-Mail ____________________________
TO: Evaluator

Name of applicant:

is applying for participation in the International GeoBiology Course 2014. Your comments are essential to select successful applicants, and we thank you for your time and effort in evaluating this application.

The evaluation should be completed by an individual (other than a faculty member of the course) who is able to evaluate:

a) The applicant’s professional experience,
b) His/her commitment to the field of the course,
c) His/her scientific abilities (creativity, imagination, curiosity, initiative, skills),
d) His/her overall potential for success in applying the course contents in his/her professional career, and
e) His/her ability to work in a group

GeoBiology 2014 will only be of value to students with a serious commitment to science and with the ability to benefit from a very intense learning experience. Success depends heavily on student’s initiative and cooperation with other students. Please comment on the applicant’s ability to interact cooperatively with others.

Your evaluation may be enclosed with the participant’s application or be submitted separately by email (preferably), mail or fax. It must be received before February 15, 2014. Hardcopies are not necessary.

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Tuition, Financial Aid and Travel Arrangements

Tuition for GeoBiology 2014 is $4000 and covers all field trip expenses and room and board. We expect students to discuss this financial obligation with their advisors, home departments and/or institutions to secure funds that can be applied toward tuition.

Financial aid for GeoBiology 2014 is available based on need. We encourage applications for aid, and we assure applicants that an aid request will not influence our review of an application for the summer course.

Travel arrangements to and from GeoBiology 2014 are the responsibility of student participants. The course begins and ends in Los Angeles, California.

Statement of Need for Financial Assistance: