

# Peru 2019 Field School to Peru

## For: May of 2019

Mount Royal University

### Student Information Package

October 4, 2018



## Field School to Peru Involves

This is a one-month intense experiential education opportunity that involves an extra-ordinary opportunity for learning and growth; and



- Expand your travel and international experience;
- Obtain two (2) 3 credit senior elective courses
- Internationalize your education
- Carry out independent primary research – graduate school?
- Spanish language development;
- Gain practical research experience;
- Hike the Salcantay trail into the famed Machu Picchu;
- Travel and canoe in the Manu region of the Amazon rainforest jungle;
- Realize and explore career opportunities
- Travel to a ‘developing’ country experiencing rapid change in all facets of life;
- Higher than normal risk of injury and illness as it relates to travel to a South American country (*normal being defined as what one may encounter in daily life in Canada*)

## Selection Criteria

- Full time student at MRU
- Academic standing – those with higher grades will have preference and include any other relevant course work
- Letter of intent – those who can demonstrate a strong fit between the course and his/her education and career objectives will have preference
- Name and contact information for one reference who could speak to the student's independence and overall character



**Carmanha a winner of the Faculty of Health, Community and Education Student Research Poster Award for her study of food and tourism in Cusco Peru**

## Application Requirements

- Submission of letter of intent – a one-page explanation of how the student believes the field school experience will enhance her/his education and career goals; along with
- Reference name and contact information
- Transcript – unofficial is acceptable – highlight the Spanish course if you have one or if you are willing take a Spanish course in the winter
- Payment strategy – how the student intends to obtain the funds to pay for the course.
- Completed application (*attached*)



***MUST be submitted to Joe Pavelka (Office U241) by 4PM November 1, 2018***

**You will be notified if you are successful by November 5<sup>th</sup> 2018**

If you are successful you have to submit your first payment of \$950 to the Fees Office by November 15<sup>th</sup> if you do not make payment by you will lose your spot and another student will take it up.

## How should you look at this experience and your fit?

If you are keen to see the world and gain practical travel experience;

If you want to see the world and have a guided experience with faculty;

If you are in good physical condition that helps – you DO NOT NEED any special skills;

If you see this as a great way to gain travel experience in an off the beaten path context but in an way that is highly supported;

If you have travelled lots but have not spent much energy genuinely learning about where are and get to know the local people it may be for you;

If you would like to explore the idea of ‘doing field work’ and gain experience in conducting research in the field – maybe a prep for graduate school?



**Table 1: Overall Schedule of Activity from October 2018 to June 2019 (Tentative)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Oct. 4, 2018</b>	First student orientation meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide overview of all key aspects of the field school, inherent risk, and application requirements</li> <li>• There will be two scheduled meetings this year</li> </ul>
<b>Oct 18 2018</b>	Second student orientation meeting	
<b>Nov 1, 2018</b>	Student applications are due	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$950 deposit is submitted with each completed application</li> </ul>
<b>Nov 8, 2018</b>	Students are told of status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is anticipated that 13 to 15 students will be selected</li> </ul>
<b>Nov 22, 2018</b>	Meeting #1 of selected students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide complete overview of field school requirements</li> </ul>
<b>Jan, 10 2019</b>	Meeting #2 of selected students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organize and orient towards academic requirements</li> </ul>
<b>Feb, 7 2019</b>	Meeting #3 of selected students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second Deposit of \$1,160 is due</li> <li>• Pursue academic requirements</li> <li>• Finalize arrangements e.g. students to purchase flights etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Feb. 13 to 22 2019</b>	Reconnaissance Trip to Peru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalize a variety of aspects of the field school</li> <li>• Budget is included in a later section</li> </ul>
<b>Mar 7 2019</b>	Meeting #4 of selected students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Third Deposit of \$1,300 is due</li> <li>• Meet with International Personnel</li> <li>• Pursue academic requirements</li> </ul>
<b>Mar 28 2019</b>	Meeting #5 of selected students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue with preparation</li> <li>• Ensure student arrangements are completed</li> <li>• Pursue academic requirements</li> </ul>
<b>Apr. 25–28 2017</b>	Pre-trip Preparation classroom schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final in-class preparation</li> </ul>
<b>May 4, 2019</b>	Depart Calgary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detailed in-country agenda is included</li> </ul>
<b>June 3, 2019</b>	Field School is completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As above</li> </ul>
<b>June 11 2019</b>	Final Projects are due	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As above</li> </ul>

**Peru Field School**

**May / June 2019**

**Tentative**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Depart Calgary as one group
<b>5</b> Arrive in Lima/Cusco	<b>6</b> Spanish School / Homestay	<b>7</b> Spanish School / Homestay	<b>8</b> Spanish School / Homestay	<b>9</b> Spanish School / Homestay	<b>10</b> Spanish School / Homestay	<b>11</b> Move to hostel – Research
<b>12</b> Hostel & Research Projects	<b>13</b> Hostel & Research Projects	<b>14</b> Hostel & Research Projects	<b>15</b> Preparation for Salkantay	<b>16</b> Salkantay (1) arrive at Wari Family	<b>17</b> Salkantay (2) Wari Family	<b>18</b> Salkantay (3) Wari Family
<b>19</b> Salkantay (4) El Passo y Camp 1	<b>20</b> Salkantay (5) Chayayui	<b>21</b> Salkantay (6) Santa Teresa	<b>22</b> Salkantay (7) Aguas Caliente	<b>23</b> Machu Picchu Day – Train to Cusco	<b>24</b> Cusco Hostel – Research	<b>25</b> Cusco Hostel – Research
<b>26</b> Cusco Hostel – Research Projects	<b>27</b> Manu (1)	<b>28</b> Manu (2)	<b>29</b> Manu (3)	<b>30</b> Manu (4)	<b>13</b> Manu (5)	<b>June 1</b> Manu (6)
<b>June 2</b> Manu (7) Return to Cusco	<b>June 3</b> Last day – debriefing	<b>June 4</b> Field School is complete				

**Budget: (approximate)**

Detailed budget information is provided to those accepted into the field school but what you need to know before you apply is that the total cost of the field school is approximately \$6000 CDN for 30 days of school and travel and two (2) three credit courses.

The budget estimate here includes everything from credits to airfare, group costs and personal costs. Groups Fees are paid to MRU Finance in three separate installments.

***There are three grants available to field school students totaling approximately \$2500.00. Grants are never a guarantee***



**Canoeing on the Alto Madre de Dios River in the Manu Region of the Peruvian Amazon**

**Do you want to learn more about our trips?**

Go online to Vimeo and look up Canoes for Peru or In the Shadow of Machu Picchu and Bonanza Tours and Manu Park Peru.



**Appendix A – Application Survey**

**Field School to Peru 2019**

**This is your application form so if you are interested you must return to Joe Pavelka at U241 by  
4PM October 4, 2018 [jpavelka@mtroyal.ca](mailto:jpavelka@mtroyal.ca)**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Identification: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Now that you are aware of the work, difficulty and expense related to the field school, are you 100% committed:

No: \_\_\_\_\_

Maybe: \_\_\_\_\_

Maybe, if... \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, if... \_\_\_\_\_

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Are a full time student at Mount Royal University?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

If no, Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you meet all other eligibility requirements as per the student information package?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

4. What other potentially relevant courses have taken?

Course \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Course \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Course \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Can you make all the financial commitments, by the times required?

Yes, probably \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, absolutely \_\_\_\_\_

No, probably not \_\_\_\_\_

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Do you understand and accept the physical components as described?

No \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, with hesitation \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I fully understand and accept \_\_\_\_\_

7. The month-long field school involves extended periods of time where you will function within a group. Do you accept the lack of free time during the field school and that you are functioning with in a group environment?

No \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, with hesitation \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I fully understand and accept \_\_\_\_\_

8. Do you understand and accept the limits on personal freedom as described (e.g. you are not permitted to visit local bars and alcohol consumption is limited to sanctioned cultural events)

No \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, with hesitation \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I fully understand and accept \_\_\_\_\_

9. The academic work load for the field school is intense beginning during the winter semester in preparation for in-country activity. Do you understand and accept that the workload as described?

No \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, with hesitation \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I fully understand and accept \_\_\_\_\_

10. Do you understand and accept the risk to personal safety that is inherent in international travel and fieldwork?

No \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, with hesitation \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I fully understand and accept \_\_\_\_\_

11. Do you understand that you will be travelling as a representative of Mount Royal University and that if you fail to follow the regulations of the class and/or behave in a manner which the instructor deems to:

- Significantly lower the quality of the field school experience for the others;
- Endangers oneself or anyone else;
- Damages relations between our group and the local people; or
- Damages the reputation of the University or the course.

...that you may be sent home and will receive a score of zero on any outstanding course requirements?

No \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, with hesitation \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I fully understand and accept \_\_\_\_\_

12. If selected, will you commit to being present at all mandatory meetings, including the next meeting on **October 26, 2016**

No \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, with hesitation \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I fully understand and accept \_\_\_\_\_

13. What is your previous travel experience?

14. Do you possess current wilderness first-aid certification?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_ If not:

Do you intend to obtain your Wilderness First Aid Certification prior to May of 2017?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

15. What is the most important benefit you would like to receive from participation in this course?

16. What special contribution could you make to the group or the course? What do you bring to the group?

Thank you...and please ensure all submission criteria are attached to this completed application.

Joe Pavelka

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