

Tropical Ecology Course
Papua New Guinea 2027



Call for applications

The Tropical Ecology Course (TEC) will take place over 30 days in July–August 2027 at the New Guinea Binatang Research Center (www.ngbinatang.com) and in adjacent rainforests, coral reefs and volcanoes. TEC will be conducted in English, with Vojtěch Novotný and Martina Konečná as the main instructors. It is open to 10 students from the University of South Bohemia (USB) and 20 students from Papua New Guinea (funded and recruited separately). Only BSc and MSc students from the Faculty of Science at USB who will still be enrolled at the time of TEC (in standard study or with at most a one-semester extension) are eligible. TEC participants can be from any study specialisation. However, we expect them to have a demonstrable interest in ecology or related fields, and knowledge of ecology at the level of the basic Ecology course. The course fee is CZK 20,000 per student (plus approximately CZK 10,000 in additional expected personal expenses).

The application should include a CV (with grade average for the last three semesters; two semesters for 2nd-year students; no requirement for 1st-year BSc students) and a motivation letter explaining your interest in the course (all in English). The deadline for receipt of applications at novotny@entu.cas.cz is 31 December 2026 (23:55 CET). Use "Tropical Ecology Course" as the email subject line. Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed in person or online in January 2027. Interested students are also encouraged to talk to TEC 2025 alumni for more information.

