



# Zuleta Excavation

Join IFR for an extraordinary journey to the picturesque Andes mountains of northern Ecuador for an immersive field school at Hacienda Zuleta. This storied site, home to one of the best-preserved mound complexes of the ancient Cara civilization, reveals layers of history shaped by the Incas, Spanish colonists, and its eventual transformation into the farmstead of an influential presidential family. Investigate how the catastrophic Quilotoa eruption reshaped the Cara people's lives, transforming the region's climate and culture. This summer, gain hands-on archaeological experience while exploring the intersections of history, environment, and resilience in a stunning highland setting.

## Why you'll love this program



### Real-World Research

Investigate how climate change & events like the Quilotoa eruption influenced human resilience & adaptation.



### Field & Lab Skills

Gain experience in excavation, mapping, soil sampling, artifact preparation, and paleoecology.



### Unforgettable Location

Experience the Andean highlands' breathtaking valleys, rich biodiversity, and vibrant cultural tapestry.



### Make a Difference

Contribute to research on historical climate impacts while preserving Ecuador's rich cultural heritage.

## Field School Details

### Summer Program in Ecuador

- 5-week immersive research program
- Earn 8 semester credits/12 quarter credits
- Fieldwork, seminars & lab-based research
- Cultural enrichment activities and field trips included
- Shared accommodations in a cozy family-run hotel + meals provided



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## Make an IFR Field School Your Next Adventure

Our programs take you straight into the field, where archaeological sites and dynamic ecosystems become your classroom. Don't just study abroad—participate in important research, develop real skills, and make a lasting impact. With IFR, you're not only seeing the world—you're uncovering it.

### Admissions at a Glance

- One-on-one guidance available
- Competitive tuition rates
- Simple online application
- Quick decision turnaround
- Rolling enrollment deadlines
- All majors & academic backgrounds welcome



### The World is Our Classroom

Immersive field training programs in the U.S. and around the globe ranging from 2-6 weeks in length.



### Field Research that Matters

Unique programs in archaeology, environmental science, paleontology and more.



### Career-Ready Skills

Transformative field experiences that develop life and professional skills you can learn no place else.

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