

"I didn't expect to grow this much. I came back with confidence, friends, and a deep love for science."-Clare A.



**Science Adventure
Self - Discovery**

Costa Rica Rainforest Adventure



www.socresearch.org

3 University Credits Offered



**Empowering students for success in any career
- creativity, problem solving, & collaboration -**

Students say...

"This was the best thing I've ever done in my life." -Mara H.

You're not just doing labs...
you're the scientist!

You'll design and run experiments in a rainforest with support from university professors. Whether culturing bacteria or analyzing results in the field or lab - you'll solve mysteries YOU chose to investigate with your team.

"I learned more in 10 days than all last year" -Lucas L.

SOC Programs: A Journey of Discovery

Students will embark on an exhilarating journey into scientific discovery, immersing themselves in the rich biodiversity and culture of a remote, untapped region. Designed to push the boundaries of traditional high school learning, our program equips students with critical thinking, collaboration, and creativity skills—assets that set them apart in an increasingly competitive world.

Guided by Dr. Pinto, our Chief Scientist, his graduate students, and PhD Lead Scientists, students will form meaningful mentor relationships. A standout feature of the program is the chance to work in research teams, where students design their projects, set protocols, and define goals.

Each day balances scientific research with off-site adventures. These experiences promote personal growth and foster a deeper understanding of the natural world and one another—insights beyond what a classroom offers.

While students might think they're just having fun—zip-lining through a rainforest or hiking a biodiverse jungle—they're engaging in invaluable “teachable moments” that shape their learning.



Trip Details

For pricing, visit www.SOCresearch.org

SOC offers an all-inclusive trip package, covering airfare, lodging, meals, transportation, off-site adventures, and research equipment used by students. Payments are spread out over the academic year prior to travel to help families manage costs.

The first eight days are spent at our campus, located in tropical rainforest and cloud forest environments. For the final two days, students will explore a distinct microclimate in the dry forest and Pacific beach environment.

SOC offers a Costa Rica coffee fundraising program to help students raise funds for the trip.

What does this program do for students?

- **Builds confidence and academic readiness:**
Students practice collaborative critical thinking with peers, strengthening confidence and preparing them for the rigor of university study.
- **Develops essential, transferable skills:**
Students sharpen critical thinking, creative problem-solving, and communications skills - core capabilities for long-term success in both academics and careers
- **Develops essential, transferable skills:**
Our program alums enter university with a better idea about where they want to focus their studies, reducing the risk of delayed graduation and wasted time.
- **Opens doors to higher education and careers:**
Letters of recommendation strengthen university applications and help students secure competitive laboratory jobs that provide hands-on experience and career advancement.
- **Teaches resilience and adaptability:**
Students learn to embrace failure, apply lessons, and advance their understanding—skills that drive success in science, business, entrepreneurship, and life.

Parents Say...

"SOC changed my daughters' lives, and it will change your child's life, too!" -Sara F.

Students embark on a transformative adventure, engaging in intellectual discoveries and building meaningful cultural connections.

Student Growth:

- ✓ *More confident and self-aware*
- ✓ *Passionate about life-long learning and global citizenship*
- ✓ *Better prepared for college and independent living*

Teachers Say...

My students have a blast every year! -Patrick H.

