



Tropical Botany 2018

The Kampong of the National Tropical Botanical Garden, in collaboration with the International Center for Tropical Botany, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Montgomery Botanical Center, and Gifford Arboretum, offers an intensive, in-residence course/workshop in the biology and systematics of tropical plants. The objective of the course is to provide advanced students and/or professionals with a detailed coverage of the systematics, phylogeny, morphological diversity, economic botany and conservation of tropical seed plants.

Subject matter is based on the extensive holdings of tropical vascular plants at our partners' locations, which represent the largest living collections of tropical plants in the United States. The course also includes fieldtrips to the Florida Everglades, the Florida Keys, and adjacent natural areas. The natural vegetation of South Florida, which includes littoral and dry land habitats, mixed tropical hardwood hammocks, pinelands, and mangrove communities, introduces students to the diversity of tropical vegetation.

Instructors:

- **Walter Judd**. University of Florida (lyonia@ufl.edu)
- **Christopher Baraloto**. International Center for Tropical Botany, Florida International University (cbaralot@fiu.edu)
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Details

Class Schedule: May 20 – June 17, 2018.

Applications due March 12th, 2018

- Emailed to tropics@fiu.edu.
- Must include: a letter stating reasons for taking the course, a CV, and one letter of recommendation (sent separately).

Fees: \$1800, plus dorm fees (\$25 per day).

Accommodations: The Kampong facilities include dorm-style rooms with bunk beds, shared kitchenette, laundry facility and Wi-Fi access.

Scholarships: Limited availability. Priority given to international students with demonstrated need.

To apply, please include with your application packet:

- A one-page statement on how you hope to contribute to tropical plant biology and conservation in your region of study or residence.
- A total budget for your participation in the course.
- A request for full or partial support.