



# Bats in International Forestry Scholarships for 2007

One of the greatest obstacles to the conservation of bats worldwide is the lack of knowledge about their ecosystem roles, economic values and conservation needs. To help solve this problem, Bat Conservation International has been awarding scholarships for student research projects around the world since 1990. Support from the U.S. Forest Service has significantly expanded BCI's Student Research Scholarships program.

The U.S. Forest Service International Programs' *Bats in International Forestry Scholarship Fund* supports up to 10 BCI scholarships for research conducted in developing countries. Projects should be focused on the roles bats play in providing ecosystem services (such as pollination, seed dispersal, pest control or maintenance of biodiversity) and/or on habitat requirements that are critical to conservation. Students at any university worldwide are eligible to apply for Bats in International Forestry scholarships, but only research undertaken in developing countries will be considered.

These scholarships are competitive, and research proposals will be evaluated by an international panel of peer reviewers. Most awards will be for \$2,500, but some may be as high as \$5,000. The deadline for applications is Dec. 15, 2006. To apply for these and any other BCI scholarships, visit BCI's website at: [www.batcon.org/bcigrants/scholarintro.asp](http://www.batcon.org/bcigrants/scholarintro.asp) or contact [grants@batcon.org](mailto:grants@batcon.org).

*Other BCI Scholarships are available for conservation-relevant research in any location.*

## Examples of Previous BCI Bats in International Forestry Scholarships

**Margareta Kalka, University of Ulm (Panama)**

Impact of insectivorous bats on reduction of crop damage in shade-grown cacao agroforests

**Laura Bambini, Exeter University (Madagascar)**

Habitat use by Malagasy trident-nosed bats (*Triaenops* spp., *Hipposideridae*)

**Cullen Geiselman, Columbia University (French Guiana)**

Resource partitioning by specialized nectar-feeding bats and their role in pollinating plants in the rain forest

**Sandra Peters, University of Western Ontario (Brazil)**

Bat roosting patterns and community structure in primary forest corridors, secondary forests and Eucalyptus plantation forests in northeastern Amazonia