

My name is Katie Gies, and I am an Expedition Coordinator at Operation Wallacea Ontario, an international organization dedicated to **biodiversity conservation** and **climate change research**. 🌱

Operation Wallacea is currently recruiting students from Ontario for our 2025 summer expeditions where they can gain valuable research experience at biodiversity hotspots worldwide.

**We ask that this opportunity and the content of this email be shared with students at your institution.**

About Operation Wallacea

**Operation Wallacea (Opwall)** is a network of academics from European and North American universities who design and implement biodiversity conservation management and climate change research programs.

**Operation Wallacea's expeditions provide students with invaluable field experience, working alongside real-world scientific research projects and contributing to the understanding and conservation of biodiversity.**

Due to popular demand with undergraduate university and college students across Ontario, Operation Wallacea is now delivering additional virtual talks about our summer 2025 biodiversity & climate change research expeditions. Several Ontario undergraduate students have enrolled in our summer 2025 expeditions since our virtual webinars were held last month, and we hope that you consider joining too!

IMPORTANT: Register for our virtual presentations on Operation Wallacea's 2025 expeditions for further information

**Operation Wallacea is delivering virtual webinars that students from Ontario can attend remotely on the below dates and times:**

- **Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 8:00 am EDT – [Register here](#)**
- **Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 1:00 pm EDT – [Register here](#)**
- **Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 at 8:00 am EDT – [Register here](#)**
- **Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 at 1:00 pm EDT – [Register here](#)**

Full information on our virtual presentations can be found [here](#).

If for any reason you can't attend but are interested in finding out more then please email [expeditions@opwall.com](mailto:expeditions@opwall.com).

## Key Information

### • **Dates & Costs**

- Updated details are available in our latest brochure:  
[View 2025 Expedition Details](#). 📅

### • **Why Join?**

- Gain invaluable field experience, contribute to active research projects, and enhance your résumé with practical skills. ☀️

### • **Key Benefits:**

- Experience diverse environments, receive training in SCUBA, survey techniques, and jungle skills, and be part of a global conservation community. 🌐

## Expedition Destinations

### 1. **South Africa** 🦁

- Conduct research on iconic species like African lions and rhinos in one of the most endangered biodiversity hotspots in the world. Participate in conservation courses, large mammal distribution surveys, and analyze camera trap data. Optionally, complete an Introduction to Applied Conservation GIS course.
- Learn more: [South Africa Expedition](#)
- Watch our video: [South Africa Expedition Video](#)

### 2. **Honduras** 🏰

- Begin in the cloud forests of Cusuco National Park, known for its rich biodiversity. Engage in diverse research activities including butterfly trapping, amphibian and reptile surveys, and more. Follow up with marine research at

Tela Marine Research Centre or Utila Island, focusing on SCUBA diving training and coral reef ecology.

- Learn more: [Honduras Expedition](#)
- Watch our video: [Honduras Expedition Video](#)

### 3. Mexico 🇲🇽

- Research in the Calakmul Biosphere Reserve and engage in marine studies at Akumal. Projects include monitoring sea turtle populations and studying reef ecology. Participants can also complete a PADI Open Water dive training course.
- Learn more: [Mexico Expedition](#)
- Watch our video: [Mexico Expedition Video](#)

### 4. Croatia 🇨🇷

- Explore the Adriatic Sea's marine biodiversity. Participate in various marine conservation projects and learn about underwater ecosystems.
- Learn more: [Croatia Expedition](#)
- Watch our video: [Croatia Expedition Video](#)

### 5. Indonesia 🇮🇩

- Participate in both marine and terrestrial research, focusing on coral reefs and rainforest ecosystems. This expedition includes studies on marine species and rainforest conservation efforts.
- Learn more: [Indonesia Expedition](#)
- Watch our video: [Indonesia Expedition Video](#)

### 6. Romania 🇷🇴

- Newly reopened, offering opportunities to explore unique ecosystems and conservation challenges in Eastern Europe.
- Learn more: [Romania Expedition](#)
- Watch our video: [Romania Expedition Video](#)

For detailed information about each destination, please visit our [website](#) or watch our expedition videos.

Operation Wallacea provides comprehensive support, including all necessary travel from the designated start point of the expedition, food and accommodation, participation in all field research projects, SCUBA training, and full operational and medical support.

For more details, please contact Operation Wallacea at [expeditions@opwall.com](mailto:expeditions@opwall.com).

Best regards,

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