

# IEP ELLEGIBILITY FORM



The IEP is looking for candidates who have the potential to excel as scholars, as leaders and as contributors to improve the understanding of the traditional people of the Philippines.

In doing so, we recognize the value of diversity among applicants and promote equality of opportunity.

## PROGRAMME BRIEFING

The **International Exchange Programme (IEP)** was established to enhance the study of the **Agta People**, an Indigenous group from Isabela, with the goal of involving graduate students from **Isabela State University (ISU)** and the **Philippines Normal University (PNU)** in anthropological research conducted by the HEE group (**University of Zurich - UZH**) over the past 15 years.

The programme aims to engage a diverse group of students from both universities, who will join Master's and PhD students from UZH in fieldwork expeditions to Agta communities. In this collaborative environment, students will support and learn from one another while producing valuable scientific material that contributes to a **deeper understanding of the Agta People**. Additionally, students will be encouraged to develop their own research questions, with full support from the participating universities to explore and answer them.

As a key outcome of the IEP, students from ISU and PNU who demonstrate strong performance and scientific curiosity will be invited to spend **30 days in Switzerland** with the HEE group. During this time, they will work on analyzing their findings from the research conducted in the field. The IEP students will also be tasked with **writing an essay on their findings**.

Given their contributions to the research, all **scientific papers** produced on this topic will recognize the IEP students as collaborators, along with their respective Universities and Sponsors.

## COSTS AND EXPENSES

During the first phase of the Philippines fieldwork, all research-related expenses, including transportation, accommodation, and equipment, will be fully sponsored by the programme. Candidates' performance in this phase will determine their selection for the second phase of the programme, which will take place in Switzerland.

For those selected to join this second phase, the IEP will cover all associated costs, including passport and visa fees, transfers, flights, accommodation, and daily living expenses while staying in Zurich. Additionally, the University of Zurich will provide a facilitator who speaks Tagalog to support the candidates during their stay.

It is important to note that all other expenses related to outreach and the selection processes will be funded by the participating universities: the University of Zurich (UZH), Isabela State University (ISU), and Philippine Normal University (PNU).

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## WHO IS ELEGIBLE?

Before completing the application candidates are advised to consider the objectives of the IEP. To be eligible for the IEP, candidates must:

- Be Undergraduate or Masters students of the ISU or PNU, (third year or later);
- Be involved in one or more UZH research lines related to the Agta traditional people;
- Have a good English language proficiency level
- Submit an "Academic Reference letter" from the respective University member;

## CANDIDATE EVALUATION CRITERIA

The form For the phase one (Philippines), all candidates application forms will be evaluated by a multidisciplinary committee and later the selected candidates should be interviewed through video meeting with some of the members of this same committee. For the phase two (Switzerland), the candidates will be evaluated according to their performance in phase one.

We hope and expect that our candidates will represent the breadth of talent in today's Universities of the Philippines.

The evaluation criteria are divided into three equally weighted categories:

**1- Academic Merit:** This category assesses candidates based on their academic achievements, including grades, relevant coursework, research experience, and any awards or honors received. The committee will consider the rigor of the academic programs attended and the overall performance relative to peers.

**2- Leadership Potential:** Candidates will be evaluated on their demonstrated leadership qualities and initiative within the fieldwork. Did the candidate demonstrate how he or she delivered results from a position of leadership whether by organizing, mobilizing or inspiring others? Did the applicant demonstrated courage of conviction, persistence, and determination in the pursuit of his or his/her goals? Is there evidence of creativity and innovation in the candidate's approach to answering questions or solving problems?

**3- Empathy and Trust-Building Skills:** This category evaluates the candidates' ability to engage with the Agta people. It emphasizes the importance of understanding others' viewpoints, recognizing their feelings, and acknowledging their challenges. Such understanding fosters respectful interactions. Candidates should be open to different perspectives and ideas, respecting diverse opinions and approaching discussions with an open mind.

## APPLICATION AND FURTHER INFORMATION

The candidates must fill the Application form (next two pages) and submit it to the following emails: [andrea.migliano@uzh.ch](mailto:andrea.migliano@uzh.ch) and [rudy@rksmmedia.co.uk](mailto:rudy@rksmmedia.co.uk)

For any further information use the same emails.

**good luck in your application!**



# IEP APPLICATION FORM

## Personal Information

1- Full Name:

2-Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY):

3- Nationality:

4- Passport:  YES  NO

If yes, please provide the number and expiration date:

5- Email Address:

6- Phone Number:

7- Permanent Address:

## Academic Information

8-Current Institution:

9- Field of Study:

10-Year of Study:

11- Have you participated in an exchange program before?  YES  NO

If yes, please provide details:

## Language Proficiency

12-Primary Language:

13-Other Languages Spoken:

14- English Proficiency Level (if applicable) :  Beginner  Intermediate  Advanced  
TOEFL/IELTS Score (if applicable)

## Statement of Purpose

(Please provide a brief statement explaining why you wish to participate in the international student program and how it aligns with your academic and personal goals.)

## Declaration

I,  certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete. I understand that any false information may result in the rejection of my application.

Signature:

Date: