



# QERC

**QUETZAL EDUCATION RESEARCH CENTER**  
SOUTHERN NAZARENE UNIVERSITY



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## ABOUT

The Quetzal Education Research Center hosts students and researchers focused on learning about tropical conservation and investigating the floral and faunal communities of the tropical cloud forest. QERC is located in Costa Rica's Talamanca Mountains at San Gerardo de Dota – a small, rural mountain village bisected by the clear, rushing Savegre River and surrounded by old-growth forests. Set deep within this mountain valley, the air is crisp and fresh, and chilly at

night. The surrounding UNSECO-designated Savegre Biosphere Reserve hosts numerous high-altitude bird species, including the eye-catching and beloved Resplendent Quetzal, drawing birdwatchers from around the world to this unique place. Life at QERC is more than just class time and research. As a QERC student, you will become a part of a close-knit community - living, learning, and exploring alongside your peers and local residents. Come immerse yourself in a rich and vibrant intercultural learning experience focused on environmental sustainability.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SEMESTER AT QERC

- 01 HP 4393 Field Studies: Central American History and Culture (meets GE Global Perspectives requirement)
- 02 THEO 3263 Biblical Theology and Global Stewardship (substitutes for Foundations of Christian Beliefs)
- 03 BIOL 3105 Tropical Ecology and Sustainability (meets GE window requirement for Science and Technology)
- 04 BIOL 4003 Tropical Field Research (meets the GE window requirement for Critical Thinking and Problem Solving)
- 05 BIOL 4122 Tropical Medicine (meets GE window requirement for Social Responsibility)



"QERC has prepared me for my future by exposing me to high level scientific research and giving me opportunities to present my research at different conferences. Also, the friendships I made at QERC and the memories we share will last a lifetime and I would do it 100x over again if I had the chance"  
-Natalie James

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