

# Tropical Botany 2024

May 13- June 8

with a field practical course

June 9- 23 in Costa Rica



**Applications:** send to [tropics@fiu.edu](mailto:tropics@fiu.edu) as soon as you can. Please include a letter stating reasons for taking the course, CV, and recommendation contact.

**Fees:** Course fees in Miami are \$1500, plus lodging fees at The Kampong (\$30/night). All expenses (including travel from Miami, lodging, food) for students participating in the field practical course will be funded by the course.

**Scholarships:** available for both US and international students. Please include a statement describing efforts you have made to obtain other funding (e.g., from your home institution) and how you will contribute to tropical plant biology and conservation in your region of study or residence and the amount requested (fees, travel, lodging).

## Instructors



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### Guest Instructors:

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The International Center for Tropical Botany at The Kampong, in collaboration with Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Montgomery Botanical Center, and Gifford Arboretum, offers an intensive, in-residence course in the biology and systematics of tropical plants for advanced students and professionals.

In 2024, the course will take place in the beautiful new facility of the ICTB at The Kampong in Coconut Grove, where student housing is available.

The four-week course has a 45-year legacy teaching the systematics, phylogeny, morphological diversity, economic botany and conservation of tropical seed plants. Students will benefit from the largest living collections of tropical plants in the United States and field trips to nearby natural areas, including the Florida Keys and Everglades, gaining first-hand experience with more than 1,400 tropical plant species from more than 80 families. Students will gain fluency in the phylogenetics of seed plants and the characters that define major clades, allowing them to identify almost any tropical plant at least to family.

In 2024, we continue our complementary two-week field course in collaboration with the University of Costa Rica and FUNDECOR. Students will learn how to design and implement tropical plant diversity and composition monitoring plots across a gradient of habitat types, to process and analyze associated samples and data, and to translate information into peer-reviewed manuscripts, reports and presentations.

For more information about the course please email [tropics@fiu.edu](mailto:tropics@fiu.edu)