

International Parrot Conservation Corps 2027

Spreading Solid Science, Transformation, and Solidarity through Communities and Organizations

The Parrot Conservation Corps (PCC) is more than a training program — it is a global movement of solidarity and applied conservation science to save parrots.

This program is open to anyone interested in parrot conservation: avian veterinarians, biologists, students, community members, and conservationists, regardless of your background. You don't need to be a specialist to take part.

Why parrots?

Parrots are one of the most threatened bird groups on the planet. They are indicator species: their health reflects the health of the forests and ecosystems where they live. In addition, parrots create an immediate emotional connection with people, which makes them powerful ambassadors for conservation.

Science alone doesn't save parrots. People do. Therefore, the PCC combines solid science with the personal transformation it takes to keep doing this work over time. Connecting people with parrots is also essential to achieving good results.

Why international?

Parrot trafficking, habitat loss, and the threats parrots face do not respect borders — and the solutions to these issues should not either. We have already seen how a model that works in Honduras has been well suited for use in Paraguay and Guyana as well. By joining the PCC you will also join a network that already connects conservationists across 17 countries and 4 continents.

What will you do?

The 2027 cohort will consist of seven 90-minute online sessions, primarily in English (though it is open to speakers of other languages who can use Zoom's translation function to participate). Instead of standalone assignments, you will work in a team throughout the program to develop your own Conservation Solidarity Plan — a real plan, focused on a species, region, or theme (such as parrot population trafficking) that interests you. You will have direct access to mentorship from an avian veterinarian and parrot conservationist with years of field experience, and you will join a community of colleagues working on similar challenges around the world.

When you finish the program, you permanently join the international network of Parrot Conservation Corps alumni, with ongoing access to the community and future opportunities for collaboration across countries. You will also receive a certificate of completion.

Eligibility

Anyone interested in participating in this cohort can apply. In addition, if you have already completed a previous PCC you can still apply — some of the program's emphasis and collaboration opportunities have changed as the PCC has evolved.

Mini-projects and donations

This program is completely free and there is no registration cost. We'll continue to invite teams to develop and complete mini-projects, although unlike in previous cohorts One Earth Conservation no longer has the funding to support mini-projects financially (in the past we were able to support projects with between USD \$100 and \$200 per person). In 2027, we will simply invite anyone who is able to donate voluntarily to help support mini-projects in regions with fewer economic resources.

How to apply

Official dates for the 2027 cohort will be announced soon. Sign up to our Newsletter on the homepage to receive the official announcement and be among the first to know when registration opens:

To learn more about past and current PCCs, visit: <https://www.oneearthconservation.org/pcc>

Voices of the PCC



"The experience at PCC came at a key moment in my career."

— **Daiana Lera**
PCC 2023 graduate · Argentina

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"Learning about the different intelligences, empathy, and the communities that live alongside these birds has helped me in many aspects of life."

— **Christian Chinchilla**
PCC 2023 graduate & 2024 Group Leader · Guatemala

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