



# NEOTROPICAL GRASSLAND CONSERVANCY

## Membership Form

(All information will be kept confidential.)

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### Membership Level

(Please select one.)

_____ Student \$15	_____ Individual \$35	_____ Family \$100
_____ Supporter \$250+*	_____ Contributor \$500+*	_____ Partner \$1,000+*
	_____ Patron \$2,500+*	

All NGC members receive annual updates on NGC programs. Membership and equipment donations are tax deductible.

\* Check here if you wish to be acknowledged on our web site:

*The IRS requires that donors who claim a donation valued at \$250 or more must have substantiation from the charity receiving the donation.  
The NGC will furnish this substantiation to you at the end of the year.*

### Where Your Money Goes

(Please designate your preference.)

Research Equipment Program    Student Grant Program (\$500 min.)    Wherever needed to accomplish NGC goals

**Please mail this form with your contribution to:**

NEOTROPICAL GRASSLAND CONSERVANCY

6274 Heathcliff Drive  
Carmichael, CA 95608-0909



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## Who We Are

The Neotropical Grassland Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation dedicated to promoting the conservation of savannas, gallery forests, wetlands, and associated ecosystems in Central and South America.

## What We Do

We promote conservation through our programs and grants: 1) the Research Equipment Program (REP), which supports local scientific infrastructure; 2) the Student Grant Program (SGP), which supports graduate students enrolled in Latin American institutions, pursuing careers in grassland conservation; and 3) Memorial Research Grants, which directly fund conservation research.

## Research Equipment Program

The Research Equipment Program (REP) provides basic science equipment to scientists and students in the American tropics. Conservation research efforts and opportunities are often truncated by a lack of basic equipment, such as microscopes, GPS units, cameras, binoculars, and science textbooks. Surprisingly, a used pair of binoculars can make the difference between a student embarking on a Master's project in conservation or switching over to an agricultural focus with better funding.

## Student Grant Program

The Student Grant Program (SGP) was designed in response to feedback from Venezuelan university professors. Graduate student research projects are often Grant hindered by lack of funds for basic needs such as transportation, lodging, meals and consumable field supplies. As little as \$500 can launch a life-long career in conservation.

## Memorial Research Grants

Memorial Research Grants (MRG) directly promote and fund conservation research. Grants are one-year, unrestricted funds that can be used for direct or indirect costs, including salary. Specific grants may be restricted to certain taxa or new research initiatives. See individual grants for details.

## Why It Matters

The dual threat of agriculture and cattle ranching puts the health of the relatively ignored savanna and wetland ecosystems at risk. If these ecosystems are to be preserved then in-country scientists, landowners, and students will make the difference between habitat preservation and destruction.

## How It Works

Researchers in our growing network outline their projects, request specific equipment or student grants, and describe its impact. Equipment stays with the research group to encourage further studies and professional development. At the end of the year, we receive an update on each project. The impact of these programs, particularly for young professionals, is immense.

## How We Measure Success

We measure success by the number of researchers impacted and projects assisted. For major equipment donations, success is measured by its continued use for multiple projects and students. We use donated funds to expand our programs, to purchase equipment, and to support conservation students in Latin America. Our dedicated interns and board members volunteer their work and donate all administrative costs, so every dollar you give goes directly toward conservation.