Mason graduate helps launch new degree program in Amazon research

Mason Associate Professor of Geography James Brian Colchao and Dorothy Kondal, assistant professor, initiated the Computational Ecology and Conservation program at the Korean campus.

According to Kondal, Mason graduate helps launch new degree program in Amazon research

"We are very pleased to be launching the program in partnership with the George Mason University Korean campus, which is home to one of the top environmental science research centers in South Korea," said Kondal.

"The program aims to address the pressing need for a new generation of experts who can bridge the gap between science and policy in the face of rapidly changing environmental challenges in the Amazon basin.

"The program will offer students a unique opportunity to study the complex dynamics of the Amazon ecosystem, while also gaining valuable experience in conducting research that can inform policy decisions and help protect the world’s largest tropical forest.

"By providing students with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in this critical field, we believe the program will help prepare them to make a meaningful impact on the ground.

"We are excited to partner with the George Mason University Korean campus and look forward to seeing the next generation of Amazon researchers emerge from this program.

"In addition to coursework and research, students will have the opportunity to engage with cutting-edge issues in the Amazon, including deforestation, climate change, and biodiversity conservation. They will also have access to state-of-the-art facilities and equipment, which will enable them to conduct high-quality research.

"The program will be open to undergraduate and graduate students, and will include both full-time and part-time options. We are currently accepting applications for the fall 2021 semester.

"For more information about the program, please visit the Mason Korean campus website or contact the program director, James Brian Colchao.

"We believe that the program will be a valuable addition to the George Mason University Korean campus, and we are excited to be a part of its development.

"Thank you for considering the program, and we look forward to the opportunity to work with you in shaping the future of Amazon research.

"Best regards,

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For more information, please see the program website or contact the program director, James Brian Colchao, at jcolchao@gmu.edu.