



KALU YALA INSTITUTE

Our goal is to be the leading resource for tropical sustainability and community building.

ABOUT KALU YALA

Overview

Kalu Yala is a sustainable town being built in a Panamanian river valley. Our mission is to build and redesign places to be more socially and environmentally responsible. By constructing a town from scratch, we aim to design an optimized model of living to share with the world.

Facts

750 Students
24 Semesters
221 Universities
32 Countries

Campuses and Facilities

Kalu Yala operates in Panama City, a cosmopolitan capital, San Miguel, a small rural town, and the Kalu Yala valley, an advanced jungle camp bordering the Chagres National Park. There we live in rancho homes, have a solar power bank, a thriving food forest, satellite internet, classrooms, and emerging businesses.

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Programs

Biology
Agriculture
Culinary Arts
Heath & Wellness
Business
Education
Outdoor Recreation
Design Thinking
Engineering
Political Science
Construction Arts

Education

The Kalu Yala Institute is for students and entrepreneurs passionate about addressing social and environmental issues through the discovery and application of scalable solutions and products. Each program explores a robust curriculum over a 10-week semester. Students gain mastery and experience through daily director-led lectures and workshops, individual and group projects, accomplished guest speakers, and field trips.

Alumni

92% of alumni would recommend our program to a friend.
94% of alumni said their experience at Kalu Yala positively contributed to career growth, citing it a beneficial experience for medical school applications, developing critical soft skills for community development, and transformative exposure to new academic fields.
98% positive reviews on GoOverseas.com, an online directory of abroad programs.
15% of alumni applied and we're accepted to staff positions.

Faculty

Our instructors have demonstrated extraordinary passion and expertise in their fields, and in the greater overall theme of sustainability. Many hold Masters Degrees or PH.Ds, have started successful businesses, and/or come to Kalu Yala with years of experience. They're trained to both impart their expertise and act as mentors as students navigate their experience in Panama, their studies, and careers beyond.

Finance

Compared to similar study abroad programs, Kalu Yala is consistently the most affordable on a tuition-per-week basis. Unlike other programs, housing & full meal plan are included in tuition.

What Students Say

"Kalu Yala is the epitome of experiential education. Being challenged to learn hands on and step outside of comfort zones defines the academic experience at Kalu Yala." -Sophie Faxon
"I found direction, had my perspectives broadened and learned more here than my university could teach me." -Eilidh MacMaster

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