Advanced Inquiry Program
Ignite Ecological & Social Change

Chicago
CZS/Brookfield Zoo

Cincinnati
Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden

Cleveland
Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

Denver
Denver Zoo

Jacksonville
Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens

New York
WCS/Bronx Zoo

San Diego
San Diego Zoo Global

Seattle
Woodland Park Zoo

St. Louis
Missouri Botanical Garden

APPLY BY
Feb 28th

Study at a Master Institution; Earn your master's from Miami University!

Photo: Red panda, an endangered species found in the forests of the Himalayan mountain range.
Advanced Inquiry Program Details

Why Participate?
The AIP is based on the principle that education should extend beyond the classroom, and that students should make a difference—not just after graduation, but now, as a basic function of education itself. AIP students learn with peers and faculty nationally while also working directly through their local AIP Master Institution to improve their communities through shared investigation and action.

Our AIP Master Institutions

- Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo – Chicago
- Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden – Cincinnati
- Cleveland Metroparks Zoo – Cleveland
- Denver Zoo – Denver
- Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens – Jacksonville (NEW!)
- Missouri Botanical Garden – St. Louis
- San Diego Zoo Global – San Diego
- Wildlife Conservation Society/Bronx Zoo – New York
- Woodland Park Zoo – Seattle

Sample Graduate Courses

AIP master’s students earn 35 total credit hours: 21 credit hours of courses that combine web-based instruction with the excitement of experiential learning and field study on-site at your AIP Master Institution + 14 credit hours of AIP core courses that occur on the web. All courses in the AIP online master’s degree are delivered via the web by a Miami University instructor, and two-thirds of AIP courses also include experiential learning led by experts at a Master Institution.

- Foundations of Inquiry
- Project Design & Assessment
- Conservation Science & Community
- Issues in Evolution
- Urban Ecology
- Biology in the Age of Technology
- Global Biomes
- Graduate Research: Conservation Innovation
- Project Dragonfly and the AIP

Project Dragonfly reaches millions of people each year through inquiry-driven learning media, public exhibits, and graduate programs worldwide.

Project Dragonfly is based in the Biology Department at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Established as a state university in 1809, Miami is one of the eight original Public Ivies and has a distinguished record of excellence in research and teaching in science and science education.

Who Is Eligible?
Enrollment is open to applicants who hold a bachelor’s degree—regardless of academic major or profession—and who are able to travel to an AIP Master Institution. Coursework occurs online with experiential learning at affiliated institutions.

Degree Options
Applicants elect to enroll in either a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree in the Biological Sciences or a Master of Arts (MA) degree in Biology. MA and MAT candidates go through the Advanced Inquiry Program together.

Miami University is fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Costs
To support involvement by a broad range of educators and conservation professionals nationally, Miami University offers significantly reduced tuition.

Applying Online Is Easy!
Apply at AIP.MiamiOH.edu by February 28.

Master's program applicants will also apply to Miami University's Graduate School; best to start this process as early as possible.