

Advanced Inquiry Program

Ignite Ecological & Social Change

AIP Sites

Chicago

Brookfield Zoo Chicago

Cincinnati

Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden

Cleveland

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

Detroit

Detroit Zoological Society

Jacksonville

Jacksonville Zoo and Botanical Gardens

New York

WCS/Bronx Zoo

San Diego

San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance

St. Louis

Missouri Botanical Garden



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**Apply by
February 15**



Pursue your passion at a premier AIP site;
earn your master's from Miami University!

The AIP Master's Difference

The Advanced Inquiry Program (AIP) offers a ground-breaking online degree that combines web-based graduate courses through Miami University with face-to-face experiential learning and field study at premier community learning organizations nationwide. AIP students learn with peers and faculty nationally while also working directly through their local AIP site to improve their communities through shared investigation and action.

Our AIP Sites

- Brookfield Zoo Chicago — [Chicago](#)
- Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden — [Cincinnati](#)
- Cleveland Metroparks Zoo — [Cleveland](#)
- Detroit Zoological Society — [Detroit](#)
- Jacksonville Zoo and Botanical Gardens — [Jacksonville](#)
- Missouri Botanical Garden — [St. Louis](#)
- San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance — [San Diego](#)
- Wildlife Conservation Society/Bronx Zoo — [New York](#)

Sample Graduate Courses

AIP students earn 35 total credit hours, all of which are offered online with a Miami University instructor. Of those 35 credits, 21 also integrate the excitement of in-person experiential learning and field study at your selected AIP site. The AIP is a one-of-a-kind online master's degree that enables students to lead community change alongside leading experts at world-renowned organizations.

• Foundations of Inquiry	• Issues in Evolution
• Conservation Science & Community	• Biology in the Age of Technology
• Urban Ecology	• Graduate Research: Conservation Innovation
• Global Biomes	• Climate Change
• Project Design & Assessment	

AIP students also have the option to integrate international field study into their coursework by participating in an Earth Expeditions course in Africa, Asia, Australia, or the Americas (7 credits from Earth Expeditions courses can count toward the AIP degree).

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 department of biology 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.

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 join a coalition of extraordinary educators and conservationists to improve neighborhoods, schools, businesses, and ecosystems, while advancing national education standards through research-based practices.

The AIP master's can be completed part-time while working. It's designed for educators and a broad range of people from non-profit, business, government, and other settings.

Who Is Eligible?

Enrollment is open to applicants who hold a bachelor's degree, regardless of academic major or profession, who are able to travel to an AIP site. Coursework occurs online with experiential learning at premier zoos and gardens.

Degree Options

Applicants elect to enroll in either a Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) in the Biological Sciences or a Master of Arts (M.A.) in Biology. M.A. and M.A.T. 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

Project Dragonfly at Miami University is committed to fostering a diverse community of educators, conservationists, and other professionals from across the nation. To this end, the program offers a reduced tuition rate that is the same for all students, regardless of their state of residence.

Applying Online Is Easy!

Apply at AIP.MiamiOH.edu by **February 15**. Master's program applicants will also apply to Miami University's Graduate School; best to start this process as early as possible.



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