In late 2013, the Smithsonian-Mason School of Conservation approved reduced fees for those applying for professional training courses from what are broadly considered to be “less-developed countries” or LDCs. Although there is no single agreed-upon standard list which separates developed from less-developed countries, we have elected to assign those countries listed as “high-income” members of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) as developed nations. These 31 countries, as determined by the World Bank, are listed below.

*If you are a citizen of one of the countries below, you are not eligible for the less-developed country reduced professional training fee.*

**23 countries in Europe:**
- Austria
- Belgium
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Italy
- Luxembourg
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom

**3 countries in Asia:**
- Israel
- Japan
- South Korea

**3 countries in the Americas:**
- Canada
- Chile
- United States

**2 countries in Oceania:**
- Australia
- New Zealand