

Residential Fieldwork: promoting experiential learning

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Session Aims

- Discuss the types of fieldwork
- Evaluate the benefits and pitfalls of organising and undertaking residential fieldtrips
- Assess the potential for broadening the student experience through residential fieldwork

Types of Fieldwork to Deliver Module Content

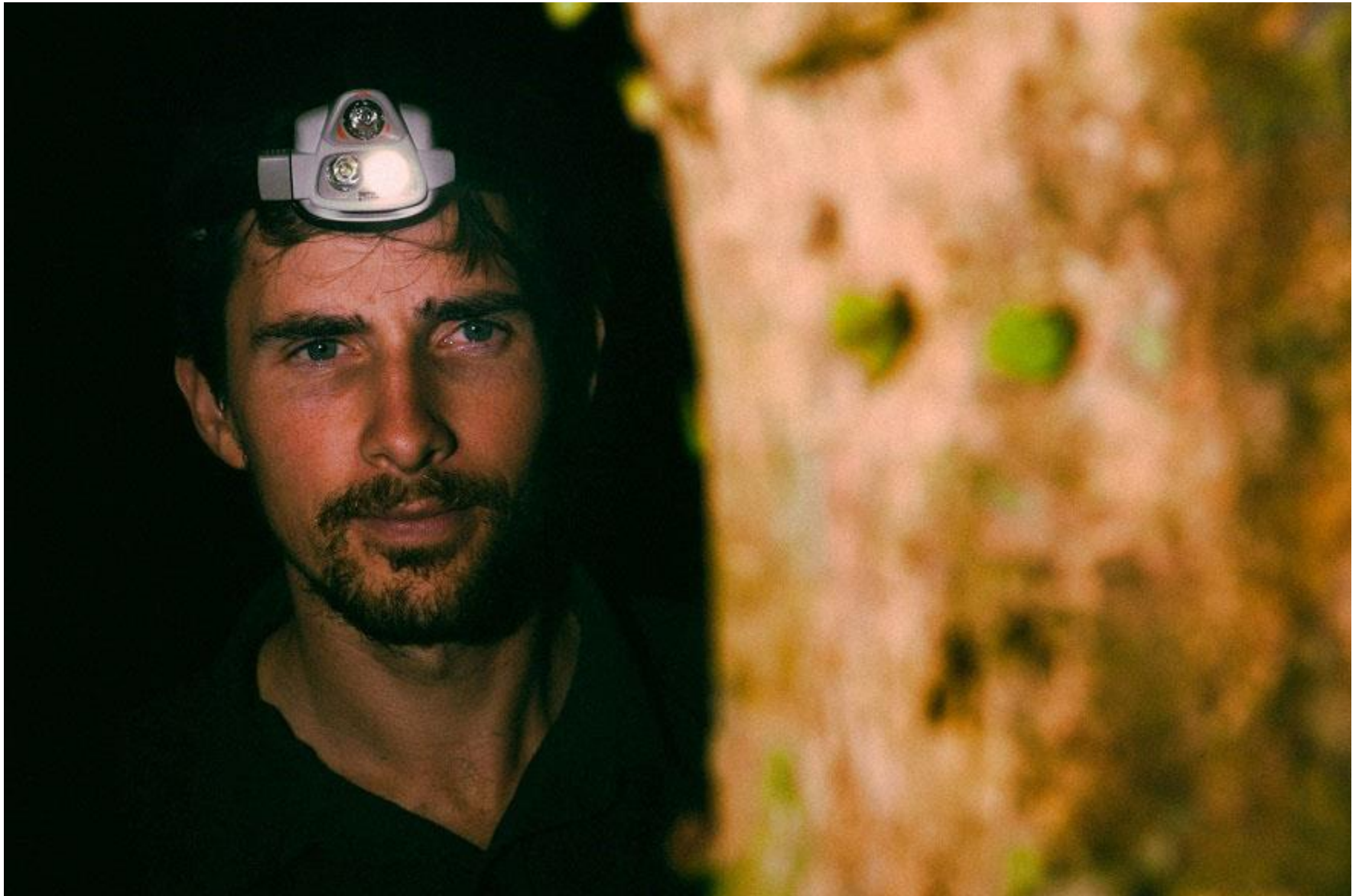
- On-campus and off-campus day visits
- UK residential fieldwork
- Overseas residential fieldwork

What are the benefits of residential fieldtrips?

Benefits of Residential Fieldtrips

- Student experience
 - Putting theory into practice- experiential learning
 - Group work, team building, bonding, attendance
- Staff experience
 - Team building, bonding, knowledge and skill development, research potential
- Value to NTU
 - Achievement - Success for all
 - Student satisfaction
 - Marketing

South Africa Fieldtrip



What are the pitfalls of residential fieldtrips?

Pitfalls of Residential Fieldtrips

- Organisation
 - Dietary requirements
 - Travelling
 - Need for alternative
 - Risk Assessment
 - Health issues
 - Student behaviour
 - Costs
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Consider residential field courses within your own subject area and how these might contribute to experiential learning.

Summary

- types of fieldwork
- benefits and pitfalls of fieldtrips
- potential for broadening the student experience through residential fieldwork