

Honoring Dr. Tony Coates and his contributions to science and the world



geologist renaissance man mentor friend

STRI would not be the same without the scientific contributions, leadership and warm friendship of Tony Coates.

Tony's three decades at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI) transformed what we know about the geology and natural history of the isthmus of Panama.

We now better understand how this narrow land bridge connected continents, divided oceans and changed the course of Earth's history.

He is intellectually enthusiastic about the full range of research at STRI, not to mention a thoughtful mentor who has helped train and develop the next generation of tropical scientists. A natural ambassador, Tony's warmth, sincerity, good humor and curiosity about the world makes him an easy friend to many.

Please join us in honoring Tony's legacy to science and our world.

A prestigious award for an early-career scholar

In 2020, STRI staff, alumni and friends made commitments that will establish an endowment that honors Tony's legacy by naming a post-doctoral appointment in perpetuity.

Postdocs bring high energy, fresh ideas and innovative approaches to research that pay back rapidly in new data, scientific publications and outreach. This appointment will include a stipend, travel allowance and a competitive research budget.

A gift of any amount can help support the research career of a young scientist. Please consider supporting Tony's legacy with a gift to support a fellow in perpetuity.

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