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Subject: Ecology Field Courses at Notre Dame (UNDERC) -- Deadline Extended!

Conduct your own research project :: Paid tuition and housing :: Travel between Notre Dame campus and field site :: 3 credits/summer :: Stipend \$3,500 UNDERC-East, \$4,000 UNDERC-West

Applications due November 18th!

These programs promote understanding of field environmental biology and how field research is conducted through 10 weeks in the field.

Applications are accepted from students who will be completing at least their sophomore year at a 4-year college or university. Acceptance is based on past academic performance and a statement of purpose. Preference is given to students pursuing a career in environmental sciences.

Four openings are reserved for students of Native American heritage and four openings are reserved for students from Puerto Rico.

Additional information and applications are available online (underc.nd.edu) or from Dr. Michael Cramer, UNDERC-East Assistant Director (mrcramer@nd.edu) or Dr. David Flagel, UNDERC-West Assistant Director (dflagel@nd.edu). Application deadline is Friday, November 11, 2016 and notification of acceptance will be provided by Monday, December 12, 2016.

UNDERC-East: (May 22 =96 July 28) Spend the summer studying northwoods ecology and conducting your own research in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan where UNDERC encompasses more than 8000 acres with abundant wildlife, and includes lakes, streams, wetlands, and forests that have been protected for nearly a century. Each student conducts their own research project with a faculty or graduate student mentor. Course modules include vertebrate ecology, invertebrate ecology, aquatic ecology and forest ecology.

UNDERC-West: (June 3 =96 August 11): Explore more than a million acres on the Flathead Reservation with abundant wildlife, grasslands, montane forests, streams and lakes. Course modules include grassland/wildlife ecology, montane forest ecology, and an environmental history/Native American ecology module. Each student conducts an independent research project in collaboration with a faculty advisor that is more advanced given the skills learned at UNDERC-East.(Pre-requisite - UNDERC-East).