UVM STUDENT SUMMER RESEARCH SUPPORT: STREAM ECOLOGY IN PUERTO RICO

Application due by web submission on March 4, 2009

This is an invitation for proposals for 2009 Undergraduate Summer Research Support, for undergraduates to participate in the VT EPSCoR Streams Project at the El Verde Field Station in Puerto Rico (http://ites.upr.edu/EVFS/), which is part of the Luquillo Long-term Ecological Research (LTER) program. Participants will live at an ecological research station in the Luquillo Mountains of Eastern Puerto Rico, where they will work with a team of faculty and students from universities in Puerto Rico and around the U.S. who are conducting research on tropical stream ecosystems.

Compensation for the Internship:
For the 10 week period, June 1 through August 7, you will receive a $4000 stipend and $1000 for research supplies. VT EPSCoR will also cover your room, board and airfare. Awarded students will be responsible to comply with UVM student travel requirements e.g. insurance etc. Workman's compensation at 8.7% is part of the wages. For more information, please contact the EPSCoR office at 656-7969 or epscor@uvm.edu.

Instructions for applicants:
On line you will find a place to submit the following:

• A description of your UVM major, courses and academic background
• A statement of how your academic or other experience has prepared you for this work, why you are interested in the Streams Project, and what you hope to gain from this work.
• Your ranking of the following projects in order of interest: 1) Aquatic insects and food web structure 2) Carbon, nitrogen cycling and productivity in tropical streams 3) Water resource management
• A current resume of relevant experience
• Provide the names and email addresses of 2 faculty members who will supply letters of recommendation for you. Also, please inform the faculty members providing your recommendations that they will need to submit their letter via email to streams@uvm.edu with the subject line “Streams Project Letter of Recommendation” and the name of the student (your name) in the text of the email. The letters are due MARCH 4TH, 2009 by 4 pm.
• Your Anticipated Date of Graduation
• Your level of fluency in Spanish

Also:
• Please send an official copy of your transcript to:
  HELiX Office
  216 Marsh Life Science
  University of Vermont
  Burlington, VT 05405
SUBMIT ON THE VT EPSCoR WEBSITE BY MARCH 4\textsuperscript{TH}, 2009

http://www.uvm.edu/EPSCoR

Obligations that Come with Funding:

- Students are expected to conduct their research during Summer 2009 and participate in scheduled REU activities (e.g., seminars, field trips).
- Students are expected to abide by the rules and regulations of the Luquillo Experimental Forest REU program
- Award funds will begin June 1, 2009.
- Students are expected to attend the Streams Project Annual Meeting in April 2010.
- Student must fill out an annual VT EPSCoR survey
- Student must agree to respond to questionnaires for longitudinal studies of the students who receive internship awards.

Application Deadlines:
Beginning Dec. 19, 2008 you can access the application site on our website. To submit your application online (http://www.uvm.edu/EPSCoR). If you need help, please contact epscor@uvm.edu.

Your application must be submitted on the VT EPSCoR website by 4 p.m. on March 4\textsuperscript{th}, 2009.

Questions?
Email epscor@uvm.edu OR call 656-7969