

St. Mary's Saccomanno Research Institute/Colorado Mesa University Summer Internship Program in Biological Research

Program Description:

The summer internship program provides an opportunity for highly motivated undergraduates and recent graduates to experience and perform hands-on biological research. Interns will work under the guidance of an experienced scientist on real research projects, allowing participants to experience the excitement, challenges and creativity of research.

Requirements:

- Applicant must be either:
 - a full-time undergraduate student or recent graduate of Colorado Mesa University, or
 - a Mesa County resident attending or recently graduated from a college or university in the US
- Applicant must have completed introductory courses in biological sciences
- Applicant must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA in science courses
- Applicant must have demonstrated an interest in research and a career in the biological sciences or in medicine
- Applicant must be able to devote **10 weeks** full-time to laboratory research

Program Benefits:

- Compensation of \$4,500 is provided to the individual
- \$750 is provided to your faculty mentor to support your research project
- Direct supervision by an experienced Saccomanno Research Institute or Colorado Mesa University investigator
- Exposure to biological research through direct participation in laboratory or field studies

Application Procedure:

- Complete the preliminary application form that can be obtained from:
 - the Colorado Mesa University Biology Office
Colorado Mesa University
WS 232
1100 North Ave
Grand Junction, CO 81501
Ph. 970-248-1993
 - <http://www.coloradomesa.edu/biology/index.html>
 - the Saccomanno Research Institute
2530 N. 8th Street, Suite 100
Grand Junction, CO 81501
Ph. 970-298-2887
- Provide a copy of your college transcript with complete list of coursework and grades
- Provide a cover letter describing your research interests and career goals
- Provide the names and contact information for two references

Applicants selected from the preliminary pool will be asked to submit a final application packet that includes a research proposal and letter of support from the faculty mentor

Selection:

- Applications will be reviewed by a committee consisting of Saccomanno Research Institute scientists, Colorado Mesa University faculty and Saccomanno Higher Education Foundation members
- Preliminary Application Deadline: January 25, 2013
- Candidates selected to submit final applications will be notified by February 1, 2013
- Final Application Deadline: February 15, 2013
- Awardees will be notified by March 1, 2013