Ecosystem Field Studies

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EcoFS 2018 Summer TA Job Announcement:

Teaching Assistant for:

the Caribbean Ecosystem Field Studies course- June 7-27
the Colorado Ecosystem Field Studies course- July 25-August 14

We prefer to hire 1 TA to work both courses but will consider individual course applications.

EcoFS Description

EcoFS offers intensive, 21-day, 3-academic credit courses that teach fundamental concepts in ecosystem science and skills in field research methods. We immerse students in a spectacular ecosystem setting and engage in active hands-on investigations that includes scientific observation, data collection, and the implementation of an individual research project. Our 2 classes are fundamentally similar in overall educational approach however the respective locations, activities, and specific topics provide strong differences. These 300-level classes are open to 20 undergraduate students in an ecosystem related major from throughout US, Canada & beyond are accredited through the Environmental Studies Program of the University of Montana (UM). Steve Johnson, EcoFS Director is Affiliate Faculty in Environmental Studies at UM Program and serves as Instructor for both courses and the TA’s direct supervisor. Please review all website info at www.ecofs.org to learn of full details of EcoFS & the courses, including the downloadable course syllabi.

TA Duties

Primary academic responsibilities include:
* create & grade daily homework assignments, plus grading of final paper & exam (due after course end)
* facilitate students in all aspects of their individual field research project
* teach lessons on the scientific method, field sampling techniques, data analysis & other course concepts based on TA strengths

Secondary responsibilities include:
* facilitate group dynamics and student safety/comfort in a challenging course environment
* assist daily instruction and serves as reliable backup to Instructor.

Qualifications

* Candidates in process of completion of a Master’s degree, or a higher academic level, are welcome to apply
* Must have strong field ecosystem research background and competence in ecosystem related data analysis
* Prior Teaching Assistant experience a plus
* For Caribbean- strong snorkeling and SCUBA diving skills (including current open water certification) required
* For Colorado- strong mountain camping & hiking skills required, personal vehicle available for use during course a plus

Pay

$3,500 per course, includes all on-course expenses: meals, accommodations, activities, course travel etc.
$500 bonus for completion of 2 courses
For Caribbean- includes scuba diving costs and scuba equipment rental
TA provides own transportation to Mexico (flight to Cancun- typically $300-500 round-trip)
Any fuel costs for vehicle use on Colorado course are reimbursed

Miscellaneous

For Caribbean- TA on-site all times. Accommodation in private spacious tents on beach campground. Restaurant meals.
For Colorado- TA spends all days & almost all nights on course. Tent camping in private tent. Roughly 2-3 nights away from camp during course are allowed, if needed. Camp meals.

Questions & applications are directed to:
Steve Johnson  steve@ecofs.org  303 859-0173

To apply email cover letter & resume/CV
Please state if interested in both courses or just one
Interviews are preferred to be conducted in-person in Boulder
Will accommodate online video (skype) interviews if needed