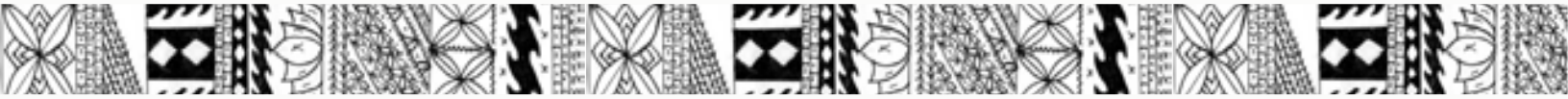




Organization for
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NAPIRE



Are you curious about the natural world?

M. Hughey



R. Godshalk

We are looking for undergraduate Native Americans, Alaskan Natives and Pacific Islanders who are curious about the natural world, and also:

- are adventurous.
- are willing to invest their summer months doing original research in the tropical forests of Costa Rica.
- are willing to integrate their research experience into their future careers by presenting their results.
- are willing to make new friends and scientific contacts from across the globe.
- are willing to work hard, and take full advantage of this stupendous opportunity that is truly a stepping stone towards a scientific career.



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What is NAPIRE?

NAPIRE is a summer opportunity for undergraduate Native American, Alaskan Native and Pacific Islander students to complete ecological research. It takes place at the OTS Las Cruces Biological Station in Costa Rica, through support of the NSF Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation Program (LSAMP). Summer funding allows student interns to complete an original research project while guided by experienced researchers.

NAPIRE Program dates:

2013 - 10 June to 5 August

2014 - 9 June to 4 August

2015 - 11 June to 6 August

www.ots.ac.cr/napire



NAPIRE Highlights

- Design and carry out original scientific research in a tropical pre-montane rain forest.
- Introduction to tropical biodiversity and ecology.
- Ideal conditions for research on forest fragmentation, restoration ecology, water quality, tropical biodiversity, and climate change.
- Introduction to Costa Rican history, livelihoods and cultures.
- Daily contact with experienced scientists from a variety of biological disciplines.
- Presentation of results in the internet-broadcast NAPIRE symposium.



R. Jones



D. Baumgardner



W. Townsend

Ten reasons why **you** should apply to NAPIRE if you are a Native American, Alaskan Native or Pacific Islander

1. NAPIRE is an opportunity to immerse yourself in your own scientific research project.
2. Participating students come from similar, but diverse cultural backgrounds.
3. Each year 20 NAPIRE students come from many educational backgrounds including isolated community colleges, tribal colleges, and other LSAMP institutions.
4. Summer activities include cultural exchanges with Costa Rican Indigenous people, as well as instruction in research methods, tropical ecology, statistical analysis and scientific writing.
5. One-on-one mentoring during your individual research project.
6. This paid 8 week summer internship covers all travel and basic living expenses in addition to giving you a \$4000 stipend.
7. Make life-time contacts with scientists outside of your home institution.
8. Gain international experience.
9. The program is adaptable to your interests, skills, and abilities, as you can either develop a novel independent project from conception to presentation or you can collect and present data from an important piece of an ongoing research project.
10. Lack of experience does not limit participation and completion of NAPIRE.



F. Camacho



C. Isham



R. Godshalk

How to apply

- Download application forms from www.ots.ac.cr/napire
- Choose a home mentor and ask them to submit the downloaded mentor form
- Choose a science recommender and ask that they submit the downloaded form
- Send us your completed application form including statement of purpose
- Have your official transcripts sent to napire.program@ots.ac.cr

Deadline: February 15, 2015

Questions?

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