ANNOUNCEMENT OF OPPORTUNITY:  
EVALUATION EXPERIENCE FOR  
UNDERGRADUATES (EEU)  
A practical experience, mentoring, and a stipend

Are you interested in combining a science background with other skills to pursue a faculty or related career?

Ever thought about how science and education programs show they work—and are held accountable by the organizations that fund them?

Have you ever wondered about program evaluation—a process by which you could assess a program you might create in your future career?

The Biosphere-Atmosphere Research and Training (BART) Program is seeking 1-2 interns to learn about and participate in the evaluation of its federally-funded graduate student training program during Summer 2007.

WHAT is the internship?

The BART IGERT and its funding agency, the National Science Foundation, want to introduce science, engineering, and math students to program evaluation, so new scientists have the familiarity and skills needed to monitor and communicate their own successes in years to come.

During this summer internship (during May, June, July, and/or August 2007), interns can expect:

* to receive a stipend of up to $3690 (roughly $12/hour)
* to contribute up to 300 hours to the internship experience, with a final schedule to be determined by final candidates and the internship mentor
* to gain an introduction to program evaluation through workshops, readings, and discussions with professional program evaluators
* to receive mentoring from a professional program evaluator
* to participate in part of the American Evaluation Association (AEA) annual meeting and/or similar professional development workshops
* to conduct hands-on work with the surveys, interviews, and other evaluation tools and strategies that have been developed for the BART IGERT program

WHO?

An appealing applicant will be:

-- an undergraduate student, with at least sophomore standing (Seniors must not graduate before the end of the internship program.)
-- actively pursuing a bachelor’s degree in a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) field
-- interested in pursuing research and graduate work in a STEM discipline
-- interested in learning about evaluation and how to address accountability issues in today’s science and education environments
-- able to provide own laptop computer
-- U.S. citizen or permanent resident (required)
The BART IGERT EEU strongly encourages applications from students belonging to groups underrepresented in STEM disciplines.

**WHAT is the BART IGERT (www.lsa.umich.edu/umbs/bart/)?**

BART is an interdisciplinary doctoral student training program, funded through the National Science Foundation’s Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT) initiative. BART fellows conduct research at the interface of the biospheric and atmospheric sciences and learn to think about *environmental* processes in an integrated fashion so as to best address some of our most complex environmental problems.

The BART IGERT also conducts numerous program evaluation activities—ways to monitor and report its successes and challenges. In today’s climate of accountability, making sure a program can demonstrate good results and use of resources is essential.

Although the BART IGERT’s physical program is located in Michigan, the EEU internships will be located near Boulder, Colorado, where BART’s program evaluator, Kristin Kusmierek, works and resides.

Learn more about BART IGERT’s evaluation and evaluator: www.lsa.umich.edu/umbs/bart/evaluation/

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

If you are interested in applying, please contact Kristin Kusmierek, kriskus@umich.edu, to obtain an application form. She can address any questions you have and discuss whether this might be a good opportunity for you.

The application process will ask you to submit:

-- application form
-- unofficial academic transcript
-- one-page personal statement, describing your interest in the internship and what you hope it adds to your academic and professional preparation
-- 2 letters of reference from individuals with whom you have studied or worked. At least one of these must be from a faculty member.

Lastly, you will be asked to conduct an interview to discuss your application, your academic interests, and how this internship might benefit you.

We will begin reviewing applications on **April 20, 2007**, and will continue to review new applications until the internships are filled.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION, CONTACT:**

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