

Diversity Scholarship Application
Tropical Behavioral Ecology field course in Panama
May 11 – June 7, 2017

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The National Science Foundation and FSU's department of Biological Science are committed to broadening opportunities in STEM disciplines for groups currently under-represented in science. **One scholarship of up to \$3000** will be provided for the 2017 Tropical Behavioral Ecology course in the Republic of Panama to a student who a member of a group currently under-represented among graduate students or faculty in the field of biology. This scholarship can be applied to airfare, passport fees, books, and supplies, as well as course fees, and can be combined with other awards. Information on the course aims and schedule is available from FSU International Programs at:
<http://www.international.fsu.edu/Program/Panama/BehavioralEcology.aspx>

Complete applications must be received by November 18, 2016 and include:

1. **This application form**
2. **A 2-page personal statement.** This statement should explain
 - a) your long term career goals,
 - b) why you wish to participate in this field course, and
 - c) your research interests and experiences,
 - d) strengths you can bring to the course,
 - e) description of your previous travel experience, if any.
3. A **budget of total anticipated expenses** for involvement in the course, including a list alternative sources of funding for which you are applying (e.g. scholarships offered through FSU International Programs).
4. An **unofficial transcript** (an official transcript will be required for the selected student to be hired, and must match the unofficial transcript)
5. **Two recommendation letters.** Have two recommenders who are familiar with your work ethic, personality, and interests email letters of recommendation directly to the email address below.

Email Application Materials to: Dr. Emily DuVal, ehduval@bio.fsu.edu

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Are you a U.S. Citizen/permanent resident? Yes No

Current address: _____

Current phone: _____

Permanent home address: _____

Home phone: _____

Email address: _____

Current class standing: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Expected graduation date: _____

Major: _____ Minor (if any): _____

Undergraduate GPA: _____
(provide unofficial transcript with your application)

Are you able to attend the Panama course, May 11 – June 7, 2017? Yes No *

This position involves international travel. Do you currently hold a valid US passport that expires after *December 2016*? Yes No
(it's fine if the answer is no, we would just need to know that ASAP to start an application if you are hired for this position)

Which of the following courses have you taken or are you currently taking? (check all that apply; note that these courses are *not* required for participation in the field course, but would enhance your learning experience)

- Animal Behavior
- Evolution
- Ecology
- Experimental Biology
- Taxon-based course (ornithology, herpetology, or similar)
Specify taxon: _____
- Directed independent study (Project/advisor: _____)

Because this scholarship seeks to enhance diversity in participation in science, preference will be given to members of under-represented groups in science. It is optional to provide the information below, and verification may be required at a later date.

Race/ethnicity (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> African or African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian American |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian/white/European-American | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native American/American Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer a different designation (write in below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Decline to state |

Other characteristics that may qualify you for a diversity fellowship

- Permanent disability
- First in your family to attend college
- Other _____

How did you hear about this scholarship opportunity? _____

Personal Budget for Participation

Please list your **total anticipated expenses** for involvement in the course, including program fees, plane fare, passport fees, and anticipated personal expenses for course participation.

Expense type	Additional details/suggested amounts	Amount
Program fees	\$4500 price set by FSU International Programs, includes NSF subsidy for all course participants. If you are the currently supported by scholarships that would decrease this program fee, specify your actual cost and provide details.	
Round-trip airfare to PTY	List departure airport, date of price search; we suggest a site like Kayak.com	
Passport fees, if any		
Books and supplies	Textbook (\$40); snake-proof gaiters (\$60); other?	
Food	Estimated to be <\$500, as meals for much of the program are covered	
Personal equipment required	A modest budget for hiking boots, clothing if needed.	
Other		
TOTAL:		

List alternative sources of funding for which you are applying (e.g. scholarships offered through FSU International Programs). The scholarship application for all IP scholarships is: <http://international.fsu.edu/Documents/MoneyMatters/ScholarshipApplication.pdf>

Funding source	Status (received/applied/application planned)	Amount

If the recipient of this award later receives additional scholarships for program participation, the diversity scholarship will pay for any reasonable remaining expenses on the applicant's budget and remaining funds will be allocated to assist a second student. In other words, we hope that this award is combined with other funding sources to completely cover all costs of participation in the course; if you are successful in receiving *more* than the full cost of all participation in the course, surplus funds will be used to help another student.