

Tropical Ecology Mentorship Program Application Form

Deadline: Friday, 24 February 2012 at Noon

Instructions:

Complete this form by hand and turn in to the biology office, or to Professors McGlynn, Choi, or Carey, with a copy of your unofficial transcripts of all college work. Feel free to write more detailed responses on a separate sheet of paper if you would like more space.

Name:

Email:

Phone number where you are most easily reached:

Date of Birth (Day/Month/Year; if accepted, this is required for travel insurance and flights):

Passport Number (if you have a passport; required for travel insurance and flights)

Name as written on your passport:

Application Type:

- New
- Previous applicant
- Previous participant in Costa Rican field research

Institution:

- CSU Dominguez Hills
- El Camino College

Degree status:

- I certify that I am enrolled in an academic program leading towards a Bachelor's degree or Master's Degree

AMP applicant:

- Some participants will be supported through AMP. These must be individuals who have faced or face social, educational or economic barriers to careers in STEM (science, technology engineering and math), including members of traditionally underrepresented minority groups. Any questions regarding eligibility may be directed to Dr. Choi at hchoi@csudh.edu.

Standing (circle one): Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior M.S. student

Major:

Faculty reference 1: Name and email address

Faculty reference 2: Name and email address

Be sure your faculty reference has already agreed to write in support of your application

How do you believe you will most benefit from being selected for conducting research in Costa Rica?

Which topics in science are most interesting to you, and why?

In your biology coursework, what kinds of laboratories have been your favorite, and why?

What kind of plans do you have for after graduation? Be as specific as possible.

Field research in the rainforest requires walking several miles per day in an extremely hilly, muddy, hot, humid and buggy environment. How would you respond to extreme physical hardship on a regular basis that is required to accomplish research?

What do you think are the best things about being a scientist?

What is the longest duration you have traveled away from home, and under what circumstances?

What experiences have you had with research?

Can you converse in Spanish?

What can you do with a spreadsheet, such as excel?

What are your scheduling restrictions for travel during the summer of 2011? (What duration are you prepared to be away from home, and which dates, if any, are you not available?)