

Opportunities Week of 11/17/17

Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program: Applications being accepted to work on field research at [Northern Arizona University](#). The program encourages students from underrepresented groups as well as other undergraduates to apply. The stipend is \$8,000 for the summer, and students spend two summers in the field on a range of issues/questions/projects in Conservation Biology and related research. Students must currently be in their 1st or second year when they apply. DACA eligible students can apply. In addition to the program at NAU, there are also programs open to students at 3 other universities: [UC Santa Cruz](#), [University of Michigan](#), and [University of Washington](#).

For more info, see the [Doris Duke website](#)

Reminder: Life Sciences Section of CAR 210: The Biology department will be offering a section of CAR 210 again this spring semester (Section 2, Fridays 11:30-12:50 PM). This section of the course is designed for U2, U3, or U4 standing BIO, BCH, BCP and other Life Sciences majors who wish to explore career fields and internship opportunities. The course will address different career paths in the Life Sciences, the career decision process, and how to prepare for the workforce through use of online resources, an alumni panel, informational interviews, and attendance of a job fair.

This section requires department consent; to register please email Kira Schultheiss (Kira.Schultheiss@stonybrook.edu) for permission.

Reminder: Survey Participation: Researchers at the University of New Hampshire are conducting a research study on student attitudes towards using math in biology courses. They have asked that I pass along the following invitation to participate. The online survey, which is completely voluntary, should only take 10 minutes of your time and you get a gift card for participating.

For more information and to access the survey, please see attached file.

Kalahari Meerkat Project: The Kalahari Meerkat Project is a long-term field project investigating the ecological causes and evolutionary consequences of cooperative breeding. Looking for volunteer field assistants to spend one year at our study site in the South African Kalahari Desert, collecting behavioural data on their habituated meerkat population. Accommodation and food will be provided.

Applicants should apply before November 20th, 2017

For more info and to apply, see <http://kalahari-meerkats.com/kmp/volunteering/>

Mechanical Engineering Winter Courses: Students can earn 3 credits in 3 weeks online and satisfy general education requirements in MEC 104: Practical Science of Things (SBC SNW/TECH) and MEC 280: Pollution and Human Health (SBC SNW)

For more details, see <http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/winter/>

Dear Students,

We are conducting a research study titled “Examining undergraduate attitudes towards the use of math in biology.” The purpose of this research study is to determine the attitudes life science majors have towards using math to understand biology. To accomplish this, we are seeking input from undergraduate life science majors. **To be eligible for this study, you must be majoring in a life science, and you must be at least 18 years old.**

Your participation will involve completing an online survey. The survey will ask you questions about your attitudes towards using math in biology, questions about your likelihood of taking mathematical biology courses, demographic information, and academic information.

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete, and you will receive a \$5 Target gift card if you complete the survey.

There are minimal risks associated with participating in this study. We will not collect any identifying information, such as name or IP address, and thus the survey is completely anonymous. Only a limited number of research team members will have access to the data during the study. Further, any communication via the Internet poses minimal risk of a breach of confidentiality.

Your participation in this study is voluntary. You may decline to answer any question and you have the right to withdraw from participation at any time. Withdrawal will not affect you or your relationship with the University of New Hampshire in any way.

If you are willing to participate in this study, please click the following link:

https://unh.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4HMd0YARv0Z3jCt

By clicking the above link, you are not consenting to participate in the study. If you decide to participate, you will be asked to provide your formal consent at the beginning of the survey. If you decline consent, you will be routed out of the survey and no data will be collected from you.

If you have any questions about the study, please contact the researcher Dr. Melissa Aikens by phone at [\(603\) 862-0840](tel:6038620840) or by email at melissa.aikens@unh.edu.

Thank you for considering this request. We look forward to receiving your vital input!

Dr. Melissa Aikens (melissa.aikens@unh.edu; [603-862-0840](tel:6038620840)) and Dr. Sarah Andrews (sarah.andrews@unh.edu; [603-862-2379](tel:6038622379))

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WINTER SESSION 2018

**Earn 3 Credits in 3 Weeks ONLINE
& Satisfy MEC Major or
General Education Requirements**

For Mechanical Engineering Majors:

MEC 203: Engineering Graphics & CAD*

For All Undergraduate Students:

MEC 104: Practical Science of Things

(DEC E or SBC SNW/TECH Course)

MEC 280: Pollution & Human Health

(DEC E or SBC SNW Course)

Please visit www.stonybrook.edu/winter for details.

*Mechanical Engineering Majors should discuss their interest in taking MEC 203 during winter session with their faculty advisors during advising week.



Kalahari Meerkat Project

University of Zurich & University of Cambridge

Looking for volunteers!

12-month positions starting first half 2018

More info - <http://kalahari-meerkats.com/kmp/volunteering/>



The Project

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Living on site

Accommodation and food will be provided, and we will contribute 290€ (£250 equivalent) towards expenses following successful completion of the 12 month field season. Successful applicants usually have a good degree in the biological sciences and will be enthusiastic, hardworking and physically fit. As it takes some time to learn the necessary field skills, we will only consider volunteers who are able to stay for a full 12 months. We are also only able to accept volunteers who have a driving licence. We are currently short-listing applicants to start from January to May 2018.

How to Apply

Anyone interested should visit our website (link above) for more info and details of how to apply.

Apply before 20th of November 2017

Contact: meerkat.volunteers@gmail.com