

ISR Internship Opportunity

Undergraduate Internship in Partnerships for International Research and Education

The National Science Foundation is sponsoring the University of Michigan Partnerships for International Research and Education (PIRE). The University of Michigan PIRE focuses on collaborative research at sites in rural Nepal and rural China. The internship offers the opportunity to participate in hands-on research on human-environment interaction (focused on the Panda population in Wolong, China or the Rhino population in Chitwan, Nepal). We are seeking outstanding undergraduate students currently in their junior year, with a background in social or environmental science to apply for an internship to assist with this research project. The applicant should have an interest in international collaboration and interdisciplinary research.

The internship focuses on teaching international research and education skills. We are seeking applications for Summer and Fall 2008. The internship offers paid travel to the Nepal site for some interns. The intern will engage in training with faculty from the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Arizona State University, San Diego State University, and University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. The intern will receive training in the U.S. covering research methods and tools needed for the project, as well as training upon arrival in South Asia.

Preference will be given to candidates who are citizens (or Permanent Residents) of the United States at the time of application. Interns will work under the supervision of Professor William G. Axinn (Director of Michigan's NSF sponsored PIRE project) and Dr. Dirgha Ghimire (Director of the Institute for Social and Environmental Research in Nepal). Work space will be provided at Michigan's Institute for Social Research (ISR).

Please send a transcript and letter of application, describing your research interests and reasons for interest in this project, by April 1, 2008 to Elyse Jennings (psc-pire@umich.edu). Include the names and contact information for three references. For information on project field sites in Nepal and China, see <http://www.csis.msu.edu/home.htm> and <http://perl.psc.isr.umich.edu/>. A brief project abstract is also available on our website <http://pire.psc.isr.umich.edu/>. An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.