The Rio Mesa Research Directors are soliciting applications for Undergraduate Fellowships. Fellowships are open to any project from any discipline, but preference will be given to projects that are most consistent with the mission and values of Rio Mesa Center. The goal of The Rio Mesa Center is to further the ecological value of open space through research, education (academic and public) specifically related to wildlife, ecology, habitat, the environment, conservation, sustainability, and modern and historic human-environment interactions.

The University of Utah’s Rio Mesa Center is an outdoor laboratory located along the Dolores River in southeastern Utah eight miles upstream from its junction with the Colorado River (1 hour from Moab). The mission of the Center is to promote and inspire scholarly work, learning, and academic-community partnerships on a broad-range of topics related to Colorado Plateau ecosystems.

Projects can be initiated by a faculty mentor or by the student. Funds will be awarded to the faculty mentor for disbursement to the student. Work may take place at the Rio Mesa Center or at the University of Utah. Awards (up to $1,000) are to be used for supplies, and/or travel (including per diem). Funds may not be used for stipends, travel to meetings, or tuition.

A mid-term report on the student work is due 6 months after the funding is awarded, a final report after 1 year.

Application materials are being accepting on an open timeline however grants will be reviewed three times a year (May 31, September 31, January 31). Please submit your application to andrea.brunelle@geog.utah.edu and mitchell.power@geog.utah.edu

Applications and examples of past fellowship projects may be found at the Rio Mesa Center website: http://riomesa.utah.edu