Undergraduate Research Awards

Bonderman Field Station at Rio Mesa solicits applications for Undergraduate Research Awards. University of Utah undergraduate students from any discipline are eligible to apply, but preference will be given to projects most consistent with the mission and values of Bonderman Field Station at Rio Mesa.

Our mission is to promote and inspire environmental scholarship on the Colorado Plateau. We support research, education, and other academic pursuits that aid in our understanding or appreciation of ecology, the environment, and human-environment interactions. Bonderman Field Station at Rio Mesa is an outdoor laboratory for the sciences, humanities, social sciences and cultural studies, stimulating scholarship about a broad range of environmental topics associated with human and natural system interactions. The station is located along the Dolores River in southeastern Utah, eight miles upstream from its junction with the Colorado River (1 hour from Moab).

Applicants must work with a faculty mentor, but some degree of independence in project development and completion will count in the applicant’s favor. 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 Bonderman Field Station 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 Bonderman Field Station at Rio Mesa website: http://riomesa.utah.edu