Funded by the National Science Foundation, this summer internship provides research opportunities for sophomores and juniors who are members of racial and/or ethnic groups that are typically underrepresented in the biological sciences. Groups targeted by this program are Native Americans, Alaskan Natives, African Americans, Latinos/Hispanics, and Pacific Islanders.

Selected students will spend 12 weeks (starting in early June; exact dates negotiable) at Western Washington University, in Bellingham, Washington, to participate in NSF-funded research on hybridizing beetles. MORE participants will work in the field and in the laboratory, studying beetle behavior and molecular population genetics. Participants will be trained in basic research skills, including data analysis, graphing, and interpretation, and in the preparation of a poster to be presented at a regional or national scientific meeting.

Funding from the National Science Foundation will provide financial support to students selected to participate in MORE. This support includes a stipend ($9/hr for full-time work for 12 weeks) and round-trip airfare between the student’s residence and Bellingham, WA.

Applications are due April 10, 2004, and selections will be announced by April 30, 2004. For a downloadable application form, or for more information about this research project, Western Washington University, and Bellingham, WA, see the MORE web page (http://www.biol.wwu.edu/peterson/MORE.html). WWU is an AA/EO employer. For disability accommodation call (360) 650-3771 (V) or 650-7696 (TTY).

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