

**West Texas A&M University**  
**NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Site**  
**Ecology and the Environment of the Southern High Plains (EESH)**  
**June 2 – August 8, 2008**

**Application Instructions**

You must submit a completed EESH Application Form in order to be considered for acceptance to the WTAMU REU program. Additionally, you must provide:

- 1) a two page essay (double spaced) that focuses on the development of your interest in ecology and the environment and your current professional interests and goals (which need not be in ecological or environmental research)
- 2) a copy of your transcripts (the copy need not be official but all persons who are accepted to the program will need to provide an official transcript)
- 3) a letter of recommendation from a faculty member at your home institution.

Applicants should meet the following criteria: 1) a US citizen or permanent resident, who is an undergraduate student majoring in biology, environmental science, or related field; 2) sophomore standing with a GPA of 3.0 in all science courses completed (special consideration if science GPA < 3.0 but improvement indicated); 3) 8 hours in biology and lab coursework and an additional 4 hours in related science coursework completed or equivalent laboratory and/or field experiences; 4) intellectual curiosity, enthusiasm, and commitment as revealed by essays. Special consideration will be given to applicants from institutions with limited research opportunities.

All application material must be received by **15 February 2008** and should be addressed to:

Ray Matlack  
REU Program P.I.  
WTAMU Box 60808  
Canyon, TX 79016

For additional information, contact Ray Matlack at [rmatlack@mail.wtamu.edu](mailto:rmatlack@mail.wtamu.edu) (806-651-2583) or see our web site at <http://www.wtamu.edu/reu>.

Applicants will be notified as to their acceptance status on or before 1 March 2008. Students invited to participate in the REU program must accept or reject the offer by 15 March 2008.

## EESHHP Application Form

**Please type or print.**

Last Name	First Name	MI	SSN
Current Mailing Address		City	State   Zip Code
Current Daytime Phone (including Area Code)		Current Evening Phone (including Area Code)	
Email Address that is checked regularly		Permanent Phone (including Area Code)	
Permanent Mailing Address		City	State   Zip Code
Current College/University	City	State	Academic Major
Classification (Freshman, Soph., Jr. Sr.)	Science GPA	Expected Graduation Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	

Are you a U. S. Citizen or permanent resident?      Yes      No

*The following request for demographic information is voluntary. Thanks for helping us with this.*

Ethnicity:                      Hispanic or Latino                      Not Hispanic or Latino

Race:                              American Indian or Alaskan Native                      Asian  
*(Choose one or*                      Black or African American                      White  
*more responses)*                      Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander                      Not Reported

Gender:                              Male                      Female

Please list three specific areas of research interest (e.g. vertebrate ecology, environmental science, disease ecology, behavioral ecology):

1)	
2)	
3)	

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A letter of recommendation is needed from a faculty member at your college/university. Please provide contact information below of the person who will send this letter. (Make sure that this person mails your reference letter to Ray Matlack, REU Program PI, WTAMU Box 60808, Canyon, TX 79016 so that it will arrive by Friday, 15 February 2008 application deadline.)

Reference Last Name	First Name	Position		
Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	
Daytime Phone (including Area Code)		Email Address		

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Signature of Applicant

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