



University of Notre Dame Environmental Research Center

Summer 2024 Field Biology Program

Track 1



Gain valuable training and research experience in field biology with no housing expenses *and* a generous summer stipend (\$5000)!



UNDERC: Spend the summer studying and conducting field biology in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The UNDERC facility is owned by Notre Dame and contains 8000 acres of pristine lakes, streams, wetlands, and forests with abundant wildlife (including beaver, porcupine, black bear, deer, and loon). The natural setting and modern facilities provide an unparalleled opportunity for gaining experience in field biology. UNDERC is also the core site in the Great Lakes Region for the National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON).

[Apply now](#) for UNDERC for summer of 2024 (May 29– August 3)!

UNDERC-Track 1: This opportunity is offered to individuals at any stage of their undergraduate education that have an interest in gaining training and research experience in field biology. You will receive a structured introduction to field biology through a mixture of classroom and field training at the UNDERC facility. Classroom training includes visits to the George W. Brown, Jr. Ojibwe Museum and Cultural Center and the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission. Classwork will also promote understanding of Native American attitudes towards the environment for non-Native American students. The summer is broken up into four learning modules including - vertebrate ecology, invertebrate ecology, aquatic ecology and forest ecology. This training will be leveraged by the class to conduct a summer-long collaborative research project. Included housing, travel between the Notre Dame campus and UNDERC, and a stipend (\$5000).



Applications are available on the UNDERC website (<http://underc.nd.edu>). Further information can be obtained from the website, or from UNDERC Assistant Director, Dr. Michael Cramer (mcramer@nd.edu).



Application deadline is Friday, November 17, 2023

Notification of acceptance will be provided by **Monday, December 11, 2023**. Acceptance is based on past academic performance and a statement of purpose. Preference is given to students pursuing a career in environmental sciences. Applicants are required to be present for the duration of course.

The UNDERC Track 2 program, which provides independent research opportunity, is offered to undergraduates that have had at least one summer or semester of research experience. Information and applications for this program will be available in December.