COSTA RICA
Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU)

Are you curious about the natural world?

We are looking for undergraduate African Americans, Hispanic Americans, American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Native Pacific Islanders, who are curious about the natural world, and are also:

- adventurous.
- willing to invest their summer months doing original research in the tropical forests of Costa Rica.
- willing to integrate their research experience into their future careers by presenting their results.
- willing to have meaningful cultural exchanges and make scientific contacts from across the globe.
- willing to work hard, and take full advantage of this stupendous opportunity that is truly a stepping stone towards a scientific career.

"Coming from Native and Pacific Islander backgrounds, we all understood the impacts of being minority in the scientific field. Such an opportunity like this gave us confidence in reaching success in the field."

What is REU?
REU is a summer opportunity for undergraduate African Americans, Hispanic Americans, American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Native Pacific Islanders students to complete ecological research. It takes place at the OTS La Selva Research Station and OTS Las Cruces Research Station, through support of the NSF Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation Program (LSAMP). Summer funding allows students to complete an original research project while guided by experienced researchers.

For program dates, deadlines and detailed information, please visit: https://tropicalstudies.org/course/reu/

REU Highlights
- Design and carry out original scientific research in a tropical rain forest.
- Cultural exchange within the program.
- Ideal conditions for research on forest fragmentation, restoration ecology, water quality, tropical biodiversity, and climate change.
- Daily contact with experienced scientists from a variety of biological disciplines.
- Presentation of results in the internet-broadcast REU symposium.
COVID-19

Strict and obligatory COVID-19 protocols developed by OTS in accordance with international and Costa Rican guidelines will be followed as part of the on-boarding and during-program procedures; additional information will be provided to interested and confirmed participants. Students should discuss international travel guidelines or restrictions with their university before applying.