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Paid Student Research Opportunities:
Summer 2008 and during 2008/09 academic year

The Colorado College State of the Rockies Project

APPLICATION DEADLINE March 5, 2008 NOON

The CC Rockies Project has funding for several students from different majors and disciplines to work as a team with faculty and Rockies Project staff on topics that will be major components of the April 2009 Rockies Report Card. These research students, working individually and in teams, will be expected do background research, collect data, engage in data analysis, and write drafts of the topics chosen for summer 2008 analysis. Potential topics for Summer 2008 remain to be chosen, but will likely include some of the following: wildlife management; corporate recreation & tourism; higher education; water quality and health issues of energy development; wild and scenic rivers; demographics of regional population clusters; and the “megapolitan” Rockies.

Interested students are encouraged to look at the content of past annual Report Cards from 2004 for examples of how topics are covered: all accessible on the Rockies Web Site: www.colordocollege.edu/stateoftherockies

Successful applicants will be:

- Seniors during the 2008/09 academic year and on campus both semesters
- Possess a strong academic record as shown on a transcript copy
- Have a declared major in the sciences or social sciences/humanities that can contribute to Rockies research
- Be able to demonstrate interest/involvement in the 8-state Rockies region (included on a resume)
- Obtain a strong letter of recommendation from a CC faculty member.
- Having taken a course in statistics and/or introductory knowledge of GIS tools is a plus.
- Preference may be given to students who can build upon this summer 2008 work as they complete a senior year capstone project or thesis

What the Internship Entails: The student-faculty team will be based at Colorado College for 10 weeks during summer 2008 (Monday June 9 through Friday August 15, 2008) and there will be field work/travel to pertinent parts of the Rockies. Opportunities will exist to continue paid involvement in the Rockies Project during the 2007/2008 academic year; preference again may be given to those structuring a senior thesis or project around a Rockies topic. Student team members will not be enrolled as CC students during summer 2008 and thus will need to find off-campus housing (many inexpensive summer sub-lets are always available); summer pay rates remain to be set, but will be \$300+ per week for the 10 weeks of work. Students will be supervised by Rockies Project Staff.

Academic Year Coursework for Credit Possibility: During the 2008/09 academic year Rockies student researchers may choose to take for credit a block of independent study focused upon their area(s) of research and writing for the April 2009

Report Card. Arrangements must be made directly with Prof. Hecox in the Environmental Science Program.

For background information on the Rockies Project, including information on activities of past Rockies Project student alumni, visit:

www.coloradocollege.edu/stateoftherockies

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Application Process: Submit a **cover letter** to Prof. Walt Hecox in the Environmental Science Dept. making the case that you are qualified for this position, and attach a **resume** and **current transcript**. Ask a faculty member to write a **letter of recommendation** emphasizing the academic and personal attributes you bring to this type of work, including personal resourcefulness, the ability to work independently and in groups under tight time deadlines.

Application deadline: Wednesday March 5, 2008 at NOON (all materials comprising a complete application must be in Prof. Hecox's mail box in Tutt Science Building, room 130a by this time)

Interviews and Decision: Semi-finalists will be asked to appear for an interview prior to final selection decisions being made. The interviews will be held **Monday March 10 and/or Tuesday March 11, 2008**. Finalists will be notified as quickly as possible after the completion of the interviews.