One Health Experience in Costa Rica

Led by Dr. Brianna Beechler

We will offer a one health experience on in Costa Rica for the summer of 2019. The program will be 10 weeks long, led by Dr. Brianna Beechler. We will provide stipends to offset the costs of travel for 2 OSU DVM students, 1 undergraduate from OSU microbiology and 1 OSU MPH student. We will also involve 1 student from the veterinary school in Costa Rica.

Students should expect to participate for 10 weeks (June 26th-September 1st) and during the time will have the option of several experiences including working with a veterinary clinic in Florencia, San Carlos, a local dairy farm, a local conservation/wildlife facility and a local medical clinic and/or public health office. There will be optional participation with the 10 day OSU veterinary clinic run in the end of August. All students will spend at least 4-5 weeks performing an independent research project on antimicrobial resistance or vector biology created with the assistance of Dr. Brianna Beechler. During spring-term there will be two required one hour research prep sessions led by Dr. Beechler. These will be planned around participant schedules, but are required for program participation.

At the end of the summer (September) you will be required to submit a 1 page summary of your results from your research experience. These will be presented by the students in a group lunch seminar during the academic year.

Students will pay their own travel, housing and food costs, but the coordinator will help arrange all of it. For housing, students should expect a combination of homestays and hostels. To offset the costs of travel \$3000 per student will be provided.

Application forms will be due March 1st. Notifications of acceptance will be made by March 30th. Please email applications to Janice Blouse (janice.blouse@oregonstate.edu).

Interested students can email Dr. Beechler for more information (Brianna.Beechler@oregonstate.edu).

