

China Spring Scholar Program



Two to three undergraduate students are sought for a Spring Scholar Program as part of the interdisciplinary project which is funded by the National Science Foundation [NSF CNH Project in China](#): Impacts of Ecosystem Service Payments in Coupled Natural and Human Systems (2012-2016; PI: Dr. Li An). The positions will include approximately 10-14 days of field work in the Spring of 2016 within Fanjingshan National Nature Reserve, China. Program dates will roughly coincide with SDSU Spring Break.

As the only remaining habitat for the Guizhou golden monkey, the reserve is a high priority conservation area as well a location with a long history of human activity that is experiencing drastic social and environmental changes. The selected scholars will concentrate on data collection using vegetation sampling and camera trapping as well as land mapping, video documentation, and movie production in Fanjingshan and the surrounding area. Participants will work with Postdoctoral Scholar, Hsiang Ling Chen of San Diego State University, receiving not only training for all relevant field activities but also experience in international field work and practical data collection. All expenses will be covered by the project. Upon return, the scholars are expected to write a ten-page (single space) report summarizing field experiences, lessons learned, and the potential impact of this experience on each scholar's future career. Spring Scholars have the potential to earn college credits.

Applicants should be current undergraduate students of San Diego State University and have some coursework or experience in geography, biology or related disciplines. GIS Skills and Chinese language ability is encouraged but not required. Students should be comfortable with working as part of a collaborative project with researchers from a range of backgrounds, have excellent interpersonal and writing skills, and possess a willingness to work in a variety of international and disciplinary contexts. To apply, send the following items to Postdoctoral Scholar Hsiang Ling Chen (hchen@mail.sdsu.edu), and cc Dr. Li An (lan@mail.sdsu.edu) and Graduate Assistant, Jeanne Patton (patton1@rohan.sdsu.edu) by February 15, 2016: 1) 2-page resume, 2) 2-page statement summarizing your interest in this position, and 3) unofficial transcripts. Please send everything as one pdf file using file name "last-name_2016-spring_scholar.pdf". We will start the selection process on February 16 and notify applicants with final decisions within 1 week.