

I am writing to announce a full-time, paid opportunity to do research in the Anderson Lab ([kurteandersonecology.com](http://kurteandersonecology.com)) this summer. Research will be in the areas of population, community, and conservation ecology and will focus on themes such as competition, predator-prey interactions, community assembly, and how changes in environmental conditions alter these. Projects will use protist species in the lab or benthic stream communities as model systems. Students selected will be performing this research under my mentorship and the mentorship of my graduate students. This is not a lab, but rather a chance to design and execute independent work. The opportunity is funded by an effort to link undergraduate course content in ecology and independent research by the National Science Foundation.

Students selected for the opportunity will be expected to spend time doing research work and meeting with me and other student participants. Because we are interested in pursuing research projects that are substantial, students will be encouraged to sign up for 1-2 pass/fail units during the Spring quarter and then be required to participate in paid summer research under the UCR Summer RISE Program ([rise.ucr.edu](http://rise.ucr.edu)). The summer research programs are paid and full-time, and therefore it is expected that you will not be taking classes or committing to other substantial activities during that period that they are in session. Also, because of funding requests, this opportunity is only available who will still be enrolled full-time at UCR as of Fall 2022 (that is, you need to not be graduating this spring).

Students that are interested should email an unofficial transcript and a one-page statement of experiences and interest to Kurt Anderson at [kurt.anderson@ucr.edu](mailto:kurt.anderson@ucr.edu). Previous research experience is not necessary. I will be reviewing applications on a rolling basis but will be giving preference to students who submit their applications by Monday, February 28 at 5pm. Students from underrepresented groups and with non-traditional academic backgrounds are particularly encouraged to apply. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you questions about any specifics related to this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Kurt Anderson

