



# ECOSYSTEM Field Studies

Hello- please help pass along the below job announcement for a Teaching Assistant for Ecosystem Field Studies to your graduate students. Respectfully, Professor Steve Johnson.

## **Summer Job Announcement:**

Teaching Assistant for two Ecosystem Field Studies Courses:

*Caribbean Ecosystem Field Studies & Colorado Ecosystem Field Studies*

### **Caribbean EcoFS Course Description (Colorado Description is below)**

Caribbean Ecosystem Field Studies is a 21-day, 3 undergraduate credit field course that teaches fundamental concepts in ecosystem science and skills in hands-on research methods. Caribbean EcoFS immerses students in a spectacular marine ecosystem setting and engages in active investigations that includes scientific observation, data collection, and the implementation of an individual research project.

This 300-level class is open to 20 undergraduate students in an ecosystem related major from throughout the US, Canada and beyond and is accredited by the Environmental Studies Program of the University of Montana (UM). Steve Johnson, EcoFS Director is Affiliate Faculty in Environmental Studies at UM Program and serves as Instructor and the TA's direct supervisor. Please review all website info at [www.ecofs.org](http://www.ecofs.org) to learn full details of EcoFS and the course, including the course syllabus.

### **TA Duties**

Primary academic responsibilities include:

- \* create & grade daily homework assignments, plus grading of final paper & exam (due after course end)
- \* facilitate students in all aspects of their individual field research project
- \* teach lessons on the scientific method, field sampling techniques, data analysis & other course concepts based on TA strengths

Secondary responsibilities include:

- \* facilitate group dynamics and student safety/comfort
- \* assist daily instruction and serve as a reliable backup to the Instructor.

### **Qualifications**

- \* Candidates in process of completion of a Master's degree, or a higher academic level, are welcome to apply
- \* Must have strong field ecosystem research background and advanced ecosystem related data analysis skills
- \* Prior Teaching Assistant experience a plus
- \* Strong marine skills in snorkeling and SCUBA diving
- \* Knowledge of Caribbean coral reef ecosystem

### Pay

\$4,000, includes all on-course expenses: meals, accommodations, activities.  
TA pays for airfare to/from Cancun airport

### Dates

Course dates are May 22 - June 11, 2024. (TA must arrive in Cancun, Mexico on May 20.)

### To apply

Email cover letter & resume/CV to Steve Johnson, Course Director at [steve@ecofs.org](mailto:steve@ecofs.org)

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## **Colorado EcoFS Course Description**

Colorado Ecosystem Field Studies is a 21-day, 3 undergraduate credit field course that teaches fundamental concepts in ecosystem science and skills in hands-on research methods. Colorado EcoFS immerses students in a spectacular ecosystem setting and engages in active investigations that includes scientific observation, data collection, and the implementation of an individual research project.

This 300-level class is open to 20 undergraduate students in an ecosystem related major from throughout the US, Canada and beyond and is accredited by the Environmental Studies Program of the University of Montana (UM). Steve Johnson, EcoFS Director is Affiliate Faculty in Environmental Studies at UM Program and serves as Instructor and the TA's direct supervisor. Please review all website info at [www.ecofs.org](http://www.ecofs.org) to learn full details of EcoFS & the course, including the downloadable course syllabus.

### TA Duties

Primary academic responsibilities include:

- \* create & grade daily homework assignments, plus grading of final paper & exam (due after course end)
- \* facilitate students in all aspects of their individual field research project
- \* teach lessons on the scientific method, field sampling techniques, data analysis & other course concepts based on TA strengths

Secondary responsibilities include:

- \* facilitate group dynamics and student safety/comfort in a rugged mountain environment
- \* assist daily instruction and serve as a reliable backup to the Instructor.

### Qualifications

- \* Candidates in process of completion of a Master's degree, or a higher academic level, are welcome to apply
- \* Must have strong field ecosystem research background and advanced ecosystem related data analysis skills
- \* Prior Teaching Assistant experience a plus
- \* Strong mountain camping & hiking skills are required, personal vehicle available for use during course a plus

### Pay

\$4,000, includes all on-course expenses: meals, accommodations, activities, course

travel etc.

Any fuel costs for vehicle use on course are reimbursed.

Dates

Course dates are July 19 - August 8, 2024 . (TA must arrive in Boulder CO on July 18.)

To apply

Email cover letter & resume/CV to Steve Johnson, Course Director at [steve@ecofs.org](mailto:steve@ecofs.org)

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Miscellaneous: Candidates are welcome to apply for one or both courses.

There is a \$500 bonus for completion of both courses.

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