

# 2019 Tropical Ecology Experience [TREE] Scholarship Application

The School of Biological, Environmental, and Earth Sciences invites **any undergraduate and graduate** students at USM to apply for our Tropical Ecology in Belize Study Abroad course [BSC 404LCA/504LCA]. If accepted, you are also invited to apply for our TREE Scholarship. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to deserving students\*. Funds will be applied directly toward the cost of the trip to Belize, Central America [approximately \$4,300 UG; \$4,500 GR]. Students who apply for the scholarship should have already applied with USM Study Abroad and paid the *refundable deposit* [\$300] for the course.

Interested applicants are expected to be in good standing with USM, have a USM GPA  $\geq 2.9$  and have completed BSC 111/L or BSC 103/L with a grade of 'A' or 'B'. Furthermore, applicants should complete and return the application found on the School of BEES webpage. The application should include a one page [minimum] statement illustrating the applicant's reasoning and goals for studying ecology in Belize, as well as future career goals.

For questions, please contact Dr. Mac Alford [mac.alford@usm.edu], Dr. Nicole Phillips [n.phillips@usm.edu], or Michael Sellers [johnny.sellers@usm.edu], Course Directors for Tropical Ecology in Belize.

**Deadline: January 24, 2019.**

Applications should be returned to the BEES office in TEC 103 in a sealed envelope.

## Additional Information

School of BEES - <https://www.usm.edu/biological-sciences/undergraduate-scholarships-0>

Tropical Ecology Study Abroad - <https://www.usm.edu/study-abroad/tropical-ecology-belize>

USM Study Abroad Office - 601.266.4344

\*In the event the primary recipient[s] cannot go to Belize, or are otherwise disqualified from receiving the award, backup recipients will move forward on the list.

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[Please print clearly]

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ USM ID \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address \_\_\_\_\_

Current USM GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated date of graduation \_\_\_\_\_

I am a(n)  Undergraduate student  Graduate student

Major[s] \_\_\_\_\_

Minor[s] \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular/Campus Involvement [may include a separate sheet if needed]

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Reference letter[s] included? [Not required but encouraged]  Yes  No

Include a [minimum] one page personal statement describing your goals for studying abroad. This should include, but is not limited to, why you wish to go to Belize, what you hope to accomplish while there, how traveling to Belize will affect you and your future, why you should be selected, and what your future goals are regarding your degree and the benefit studying in Belize will have on those goals. You may also wish to discuss financial needs/obligations, personal experiences, etc. as it relates to this study abroad opportunity.

By signing this document, I agree that the information included in this application is honest and true.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Application page and statement should be submitted in a sealed envelope to TEC 103 and addressed to "TREE Scholarship Committee".