

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCES FOR UNDERGRADUATES:
NATURAL HISTORY OF A WEST INDIAN HERPETOFAUNA
2008 APPLICATION**

Applicants should fill out this application completely and honestly. Submit this form, a current college transcript (an unofficial copy is acceptable), and the essay described below. Two letters of recommendation from faculty members should be sent directly to the address indicated (emailed letters will be accepted). All materials must be received no later than **15 FEBRUARY 2008** to be considered. All correspondence should be sent to:

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The applicant must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, an undergraduate currently enrolled in an accredited academic program (part-time or full-time), and not scheduled to graduate earlier than December 2008. If accepted into this program, all field trip expenses will be paid, lodging will be provided in Kansas City, and you will receive a summer stipend of \$4,500. You are responsible for your meals while in Kansas City, for tuition (at a reduced rate), and for the cost of travel to and from Kansas City (if you live outside the continental United States, you may be eligible for an additional travel stipend of up to \$800).

You must be available for orientation in Kansas City beginning 26 May 2008, participate in the field trip to Dominica in June, and commit to a full summer of research and manuscript preparation (results of past student projects have been submitted successfully for publication). The program will terminate on 1 August. You may enroll in up to 6 hours of credit in Biology Research from Avila University. All applicants will be notified of their status no later than 22 February and accepted applicants must respond by 29 February to hold their position in the program (the early response date is necessary to give participants who do not have a passport time to apply and receive one prior to departure in June).

Name _____

Current address _____ Permanent address _____

Email address _____ **(IMPORTANT!! All communication will be via email)**

Current phone no. (____) _____ Permanent phone no. (____) _____

Date of birth _____ Sex _____ Ethnic origin (OPTIONAL) (for record-keeping only) _____

Current school _____

Year in school _____ G.P.A. _____ Major _____

Anticipated date of graduation: _____ Minor (if applicable) _____

Courses currently in progress:

Do you have a handicap or medical condition that could affect your ability to function in the field? _____
If so, explain.

On separate pages write a short essay describing yourself and your academic objectives. Explain how you see participation in this program furthering your goals. Be sure to include references to any special interests or skills you can bring to this program; this is not the time to be modest.

Signature _____

Your signature indicates acknowledgment of and agreement with conditions set forth in this application.

Avila University does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, age, color, handicap, or national origin.