Research wildlife and subsistence!

Claudia Ihl, Associate Professor for Biology at Northwest Campus in Nome, is looking for interested students who would like to conduct some research on wildlife and subsistence-related questions during spring and summer 2016. Students should be undergraduates or will be enrolled as freshmen in the fall of 2016.

Students would work closely with Claudia to define their research interests; plan and conduct data collection in the field; and potentially write up reports and a publication. If the student is motivated and interested, there will be opportunities to travel to a conference to give a presentation and/or to publish a research paper. Some funds are available to pay a stipend to participating students.

Potential research topics:

- A foraging study of the urban muskoxen near Nome – what are they eating this close to town and does it differ from muskoxen diets further away from town?
- Studies of subsistence resources such as plants near students’ home villages – what are nutrient contents and potential toxins?
- Studies of conflicts between wildlife and people at traditional subsistence plant collecting sites.

Who is eligible?

Students should be undergraduates at UAF or other universities. This can mean:

- They have already been enrolled in credits in the spring 2016
- They finish high school in 2016 and will be enrolled as freshmen in the fall
- Full-time students are best, but part-time students can also apply

Find out more!

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