Summer Research Opportunity... Dig for Earthworms!

Dr. Claudia Ihl, Associate Professor for Biology at Northwest Campus in Nome, is looking for interested students who would like to conduct research on Seward Peninsula earthworms during the summer of 2021.

Students will 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.

What is required?
During the spring semester (ca. Feb-May 2021), students should be willing to:

a) Meet with Claudia approximately once every two weeks via ZOOM to discuss earthworm science and literature, and plan and design a study that suits their individual interests on earthworms in the Nome area,

b) With Claudia’s guidance, review literature, learn about earthworm identification and earthworm sample techniques and procedures,

c) Present a poster at the URSA Research day in April 2021 about the proposed research or other research conference opportunities,

d) Travel to Nome for a min. of 2 weeks during summer 2021 (after July 1st) to conduct field research on earthworms. This field work may include:
   ▶ Spending time outdoors in all weather conditions - students should love the outdoors, and be reasonable physically fit for field work,
   ▶ Hiking or paddling to more remote sampling areas and camp in the backcountry.

Who is eligible?

▶ Students must be enrolled in at least 6 credits in the Spring 2021 semester
▶ Students must have a GPA of 2.3 or more

Find out more!
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