

JOINT RESEARCH & FIELD INTERNSHIPS IN FOREST AND RANGE ECOSYSTEMS

**Saint Edward's University
Austin, Texas**

PARTICIPANTS

- **One Former Student**
 - **Currently pursuing a Doctorate in Education**
 - **Served four internships as an undergraduate**
 - **First generation college student**
- **At Least Eighteen Undergraduates**
- **At Least Eighteen hundred High School and Middle School Students**

OBJECTIVES

- **Seed an ongoing research program at the ecosystem level for a group that will be at least 50% Hispanic;**
- **Apply their research expertise to management practices in the field;**
- **Use those experiences to draw the interest of younger students;**
- **Infuse natural resource agencies with a greater number of practicing scientists from underrepresented groups;**
- **Improve communication and cooperation between Texas HSI's and federal agencies.**

SOME OF THE MAJOR DETAILS

- **Each undergraduate will commit to two full years, not just one year and not just summers;**
- **One of the Hispanic participants will be awarded a substantial USDA grant for graduate school;**
- **Formative and summative evaluation is substantial;**
- **University/Forest Service partnership will be very significant.**