

## **IGERT Project Internship Guidelines**

All IGERT fellows are required to conduct an internship of from three to six months in the location that is not their major geographic area of study (e.g., a fellow whose primary research is in Idaho will intern in Costa Rica, and vice versa). This internship is intended to relate to the IGERT Project theme (achieving biodiversity conservation and sustainable production in anthropogenically fragmented landscapes). The internship will promote better integration of education and research and ensure exposure to diverse research and geographic areas. Through the internship program, fellows have the opportunity to broaden their disciplinary emphasis. The internship program is designed so that all fellows will have active involvement in team research efforts, while working on a project of relevance to their own research. The internship may be conducted with person(s) outside an IGERT team and/or outside the IGERT program. Fellows doing internships in Costa Rica are encouraged to work with CATIE faculty.

Examples of internship projects include:

- Conducting a short study in a discipline different than the fellow's primary discipline.
- Conducting a short study to develop key skills and techniques for the fellow's dissertation research.
- Conducting a short study to broaden the fellow's international experience via a project in Costa Rica.
- Conducting a short study to enhance the fellow's interdisciplinary research skills.

Fellows will be required to present for approval by their graduate committee a two- to four-page internship proposal. This proposal should detail the expectations of the fellow regarding the outcome of the research, how it fits with disciplinary and interdisciplinary research and the IGERT Project theme. Exceptions to the general guidelines outlined above (e.g. geographic location) will be considered, but must be supported by a strong proposal submitted in writing and approved first by the student's graduate committee and then the IGERT Steering Committee.

Fellows will be required to make a presentation at one of the Annual Meetings based on their internship project. Results from research conducted during an internship could be used to develop a collaborative dissertation chapter.

Fellows must register for Internship (598) in the departments in which they are taking the internship. Students doing their internships at CATIE should register for Directed Study or Directed Research at CATIE.