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## USU receives \$2.7M Climate Adaptation Science grant

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LOGAN — Utah State University is the recipient of a \$2.7 million National Science Foundation Research Traineeship award that will afford students in 20 STEM graduate degree programs the opportunity to pursue advanced interdisciplinary research training and a Climate Adaptation Science specialization.

Named the Graduate Climate Adaptation Research that Enhances Education and Responsiveness of Science at the Management-Policy Interface — or Grad-CAREER for short — the project team anticipates training 80 master's and doctoral students during the five-year grant period.

"This is a remarkable opportunity for graduate students to be involved in a dynamic, cross-disciplinary research environment," Nancy Huntly, professor in USU's biology department, said in a statement.

Grad-CAREER begins in January 2017 with an initial cohort of 10 students. Twenty additional students will join the project in fall 2017, with about 20 new students entering the program each year for the grant's duration. Participation will be offered to students majoring in natural, physical and social sciences, engineering and mathematics. Huntly says program participants will receive research support and professional skills training. In addition, about 28 participants will receive one-year fellowships.

Trainees will gain real-world experience through a novel, two-part internship with a government, industry or nongovernmental organization partner that brackets a yearlong research studio and "embeds trainees in a cycle of creating actionable science," she said.

Grad-CAREER is offering two upcoming informational forums to acquaint students and faculty with the new program. All are welcome to attend Monday, Oct. 17, from 4-5 p.m., or Thursday, Oct. 20, from 4:20-5:20 p.m. Both gatherings will be held in Room 141 of the Agricultural Sciences building.

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