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## Dickinson State University (/)

### Two DSU students receive research awards

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Dickinson State University students Levi Bassett and Billi Petermann are among five students from North Dakota universities who are award recipients of the Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Pilot program of ND Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (ND EPSCoR).

“It is impressive to note that only 6 REU awards were available from the EPSCoR pool for NDUS institutions this year and DSU students received 2 of them,” said Eric Brevik, chair of the Department of Natural Sciences.

“The REU process is a competitive process where our students had to submit applications and be selected for the program. Each student had to develop a research project they will conduct under faculty guidance over the next year. The students will also be required to present their research at a conference as they finish up. It is a prestigious honor for these students that speaks well of their accomplishments and academic drive.”

Under the award, students will work with faculty on cutting-edge research projects in chemistry, materials science, engineering, hydrology, agribusiness and applied economics, and atmospheric sciences, while learning scientific research and communication skills. Their research projects will consist of 200 hours conducted for up to one year, and began June 1, 2016. Recipients are awarded a stipend of \$5,000 and up to \$2,000 for summer housing.

The REU program is primarily geared toward undergraduate students in the STEM disciplines and provides the opportunity to work in the Center for Regional Climate Studies (CRCS) or the Center for Sustainable Materials Science (CSMS). Students must be enrolled at North Dakota State University, University of North Dakota, one of the five tribal colleges located in North Dakota, or one of four primarily undergraduate North Dakota University System institutions.

Student recipients, their institutions, center of research and advisors are:

Levi Bassett, Dickinson State University, CRCS, Joshua Steffan

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Quintin Elliott, University of North Dakota, CSMS, Qianli Chu


Breanne Hatfield, Minot State University, CSMS, Mikhail Bobylev


Billi Petermann, Dickinson State University, CRCS, Eric Brevik

Hayden Zander, Valley City State University, CRCS, Andre DeLorme

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