Minnesota State Mankato Junior Awarded Summer Experience

Minnesota State junior Hailey Gorman (Biology, ‘17) was recently awarded a summer experience at the School for Field Studies (SFS). Gorman will spend four weeks in Panama participating in the program titled, *Tourisms and Island Systems: Assessment of Sustainable Practices.*

According to their website, “SFS creates transformative study abroad experiences through field-based learning and research. Our educational programs explore the human and ecological dimensions of the complex environmental problems faced by our local partners, contributing to sustainable solutions in the places where we live and work. The SFS community is part of a growing network of individuals and institutions committed to environmental stewardship.”

Gorman was inspired to pursue this study abroad experience because of her interest in environmental health, especially as it relates to flora, and travel. Gorman wants to pursue a career in environmental studies or conservation.

Gorman is currently involved in the Honors Program, Gardening Rural Outreach Opportunity Volunteers (GROOV). She will be involved in the Mankato Grange on campus in the near future. When she returns to Minnesota, Gorman hopes to continue her involvement in volunteering and begin a research project based off of her findings and experiences in Panama.

Gorman utilized resources in the Office of University Fellowships, the Honors Program, and the Environmental Sciences Program in her pursuit of this award.

For more information on the Office of University Fellowships at Minnesota State Mankato, see [www.mnsu.edu/fellowships](http://www.mnsu.edu/fellowships).

For more information on the Honors Program, see [https://www.mnsu.edu/honors](https://www.mnsu.edu/honors).

For more information on the Environmental Sciences Program at Minnesota State Mankato, see [http://www.fieldstudies.org/](http://www.fieldstudies.org/).