



UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF
AQUACULTURE/FISHERIES CENTER
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Dear Prospective Student :

The **Department of Aquaculture and Fisheries** at the **University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB)** is looking for highly motivated young students interested in natural sciences and wildlife conservation to enroll in our Aquaculture and Fisheries Biology Program at UAPB. UAPB is a Historically Black College and University and 1890 Land Grant Institution with experience in problem-solving for Arkansas and the Nation since 1873. Our program of study trains students to be future **aquaculturists, fisheries biologists, and environmental scientists**. We have federally-funded full scholarships available for fall semester **2011**. These scholarships cover all costs related to school, including tuition, fees, room and board, and textbooks. We also have other partial scholarships available each year, many of which are exclusively for Aquaculture and Fisheries majors. If you *enjoy nature or outdoor activities and have a science orientation*, please read the enclosed information – our program may be of interest to you.

As an aquaculture and fisheries student at UAPB, there are many opportunities to gain work experience and participate in activities that foster professional development. The student-organized Aquaculture/Fisheries Club contains student sub-units of the American Fisheries Society and U.S. Aquaculture Society. This club provides many opportunities to socialize with fellow students, faculty, and staff through monthly meetings, educational activities, volunteer efforts, and socials. The department also is able to arrange for interested students to attend at least one scientific conference per year. We also arrange for paid summer internships for eligible students.

For highly qualified and motivated students, the Department of Aquaculture and Fisheries has full scholarships available through the **National Cooperative Fisheries Scholars** program. These scholarships are funded by the **U.S. Geological Survey – Biological Resources Division**, and are valued at approximately **\$45,000**. The scholarships are nationally competitive and exclusively for undergraduate Fisheries Biology majors at UAPB. Scholarships cover the entire cost of tuition, fees, room and board, and textbooks for four consecutive school years. Students also are eligible for other types of partial scholarships, some of which are exclusively for Fisheries Biology majors. If you know of a student interested in this type of career, we ask you to encourage them to consider applying for one of these scholarships.

To find out more, check out our website at (<http://www.uaex.edu/aqfi>). This site contains applications and additional information about the program, including an interactive career tool called “Whitecoats and Waders” that helps students see what careers are available in our field. If you have questions or would like more information, or would like a departmental tour, please contact me at 870-575-8107 or at dhaynes@uaex.edu. You may also contact our main department number at 870-575-8968 or fax to 870-575-4637.

Sincerely,

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