An Interview with ANSC Undergraduate Student Djion Holness on Her Research Experience at the University of Georgia

Q: Where did you intern, and when?

I participated in a 9-week, NSF funded, Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) this summer at the University of Georgia, as part of the Population Biology of Infectious Diseases program.

Q: Was it a paid internship? What did you do there?

This was a stipend paid research experience; I also received reimbursement for travel, housing accommodations, and a food stipend. Whilst there, I conducted veterinary diagnostic research towards exploring patterns of co-infection in domestic dogs along the Panama Canal. At the end of the 9-week program I presented my research at symposium. Aside from my research, I participated in a number of scientific development workshops that include Rstudio training, graduate school information sessions, and weekly journal club meetings.

Q: When did you apply for this internship?

I applied for this REU around the end of February.

Q: How long did the internship last?

This was a 9-week program.

Q: How did you learn about this opportunity?

I learned about this though Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP), on this campus

Q: What is your area of interest as an ANSC major?

I am on the pre-veterinary medicine track.

Q: So, what are your plans when you graduate?

I plan to attend veterinary school after I graduate.

Q: If someone has questions, can they contact you regarding your internship experience?

Yes, they may by email at djion.holness@uconn.edu.