This year the HERO program will run for eight weeks during Summer 2017:

**MAY 22 - JULY 14**

The program will begin on Monday, May 22nd and end on Friday, July 14th. During these weeks, students will participate in fieldwork, research, data analysis, and presentations. The program will conclude with a final presentation to members of the Clark and Worcester community.

**HOW TO APPLY**

Applications for the Summer 2017 HERO program can be found online at:

clarku.edu/departments/hero/fellowship

All application materials must be submitted by 5pm EST on:

**FEBRUARY 15TH, 2017**

Materials can be emailed to heroadmissions@clarku.edu or delivered to Rachel Levitt in the Geography Main Office (Jefferson 220).

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WHAT IS HERO?

The Human-Environment Regional Observatory (HERO) program is a unique undergraduate-graduate-faculty experience that engages in research on human-environment relationships in Massachusetts. HERO Fellows conduct hands-on research under the mentorship of Clark University faculty. The research conducted by HERO Fellows often leads to scholarly publications, presentations at academic conferences across the USA, and awards and honors.

HERO Fellows analyze the causes and consequences of global environmental changes at local scales in faculty-led research projects. Each Fellow is paired with a Clark faculty mentor and other researchers on the HERO team. Fellows will learn how to use various research methods such as GIS, remote sensing, geostatistical modeling, interviews and focus groups. 

- Unique hands-on research experience working with graduate students and faculty
- Opportunities for publications, presentations, honors, and awards
- Stipend for 8 weeks of research, plus academic credit
- Funding for attendance to present research at the Association of American Geographers (AAG) annual scholarly meeting

2016 HERO Fellows (left to right): Zhiwen Zhu (Geography Doctoral RA Student), Eli Simonson, Savannah Sanford, Emma Freud, Rishi Singh, and Tyler Anderson


-- Savannah Sanford, HERO ’16 Fellow Quote from Clark News article by Meredith King, July 2016

HOW DO I BECOME A HERO?

Based on a competitive application process, each year the HERO program selects a diverse group of undergraduate students to be HERO Fellows. HERO values students who demonstrate energetic and inquisitive minds, and who are fearless when charting new intellectual territory. Previous course work in research methods (Geog 141 or equivalent), and human or environmental geography — such as urban and population studies, GIS, landscape ecology, land-use planning, statistics and remote sensing — is helpful but not required.

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