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University of Minnesota Community Assistantship Program requests applications

Summary:

(October 20, 2003)-The Community Assistantship Program (CAP) requests applications to provide research assistance to community groups, organizations, and local governments in greater Minnesota. CAP supports student research assistants to carry out community-initiated and community-guided projects that will impact their community. The students provide information or answers to questions that a group may need to better accomplish their goals or plans.

Past student projects have addressed issues of housing, public health, planning, public policy, community diversity, downtown revitalization, economic development, K-12 education, children/youth/families, agriculture, natural resources, tourism, and more. To be eligible, the groups must be located within Minnesota but outside the Minneapolis and St. Paul area. The project must address an issue of importance to the community members. The group/organization must have the time to supervise a research assistant.

If you are a group, organization, or a local government in greater Minnesota that needs research help for a project, apply to CAP. The applications are considered three times a year. If approved, the student will get paid through the University of Minnesota payroll system, and the community organization will provide information and supervision to students working on the project.

CAP's goals are to 1) enhance the capacity of community-based organizations by providing access to research and technical resources available at the University of Minnesota and 2) provide faculty and students with increased opportunities to complete useful community-driven applied research projects.

The Center for Small Towns at the University of Minnesota, Morris is partnering with CAP by assisting the communities and groups in west central Minnesota. This includes assistance submitting applications and coordinating the involvement of UMM students, and technical resources within these research projects.

The Center for Small Towns is a community outreach program housed at the University of Minnesota, Morris and serves as a point-of-entry to the resources of the University of Minnesota. Small towns, local units of government, K-12 schools, non-profit organizations, and other University units are able to utilize the Center's resources as they work on rural issues or make contributions to rural society. The mission of the Center for Small Towns is to focus the University's attention and marshal its resources toward assisting Minnesota's small towns with locally identified issues by creating applied learning opportunities for faculty and students.

To get a CAP applications on-line go to: <http://www.cura.umn.edu/programs/CAP/capcomappform.html>. If you have questions or want a paper application call or stop by the Center for Small Towns office 110 Community Services, 600 East 4th Street, Morris MN, (320) 589-6451.

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