Comparative Biodiversity between Sonoran and Mojave Desert Mountain Ranges
3 credit hours

The Franz Lab in conjunction with the Hasbrouck Insect Collection and ASU Vascular Herbarium are seeking undergraduate student researchers interested in comparative biodiversity and natural history collections. The project is designed to collect insect and plant samples from multiple mountain ranges between the Sonoran and Mojave deserts in order to compare biodiversity. This project involves several weekend collecting trips (probably 2-3 days of camping) to collect specimens from each field site. The remainder of the time will be devoted to sample sorting and identification. Interested students should be interested and able to spend several days in the field. Experience in handling, preparing, and identifying insect and plant specimens is preferred. This project has the possibility of extending beyond the one semester, including summer research opportunities.

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