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GeoConnection Webinar: USGS EDDMAP Program - Training the Next Generation of Geoscientists

Alexandria, VA – EDDMAP is an interactive and meaningful matching-funds grant program with universities for students to gain experience and knowledge in geologic mapping as well as contribute to the national effort to geologically map all of the United States.

The American Geological Institute invites you to join us September 21, 2010 at 1:00 pm (US EDT) to listen to EDDMAP participants: John T. Haynes of James Madison University; Randall C. Orndorff of the U.S. Geological Survey; and Alan F. Halfen Ph.D. Student at the University of Kansas; discuss the program's history, future, and benefits.

This program trains the next generation of geologic mappers and is one of the three components of the congressionally-mandated U.S. Geological Survey National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program (NCGMP). Geology faculty, skilled in geologic mapping, request EDDMAP funding to support upper-level undergraduate and graduate students at their institution in a one-year mentored geologic mapping project that focuses on a specific geographic area. Also, each EDDMAP proposal must be closely coordinated with a State Geologist or a USGS geologic mapping project. Every federal dollar awarded is matched with university funds. EDDMAP has supported 144 universities and over 850 students from geoscience departments across the Nation.

The webinar is free. Visit AGI's GeoWebinar page to learn more and register:
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