

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508**  
**County of Cook and State of Illinois**

**Wilbur Wright College’s National Science Foundation-Funded Field Research  
Project in Kenya’s Arabuko-Sokoke Forest**

**THE CHANCELLOR**

**REPORTS**

that the Wilbur Wright College has been awarded a National Science Foundation grant in the amount of **\$139,560** to fund summer undergraduate research in Kenya’s Arabuko-Sokoke Forest for a three-year period ending summer 2012 (**PD# 081005**). The project has as its collaborator the Kenya Wildlife Service’s Biodiversity and Monitoring Division and will provide selected Wright College students with hands-on training in tropical field ecology as well as the opportunity to develop research linkages important in career development; and

requests the Board approve expenditures for the summer 2010 trip which includes the program costs and associated travel expenses; and

that Wilbur Wright College has selected three (3) students to participate in the seminar from June 14 through July 26, 2010. These students will be accompanied by one (1) faculty member and one (1) Kenya Wildlife Services researcher; and

- that lodging, meals, and program expenditures will not exceed a cost of **\$25,825** in total. This amount is broken down into **\$4,700** each for the 3 students and **\$9,800** for the faculty member, and **\$1,925** for the Kenya Wildlife Researcher; and
- that, costs associated with vehicle rental in Kenya will not exceed **\$3,708** in total. This amount is broken down into vehicle rental at \$85 per day x 7 days x 5 weeks = **\$2,975**; and fuel expenses not to exceed **\$733**; and
- that airfare is anticipated at an amount not to exceed **\$6,800** (\$1,700 per person); and
- that Visa fees for students and faculty are anticipated in an amount not to exceed **\$75** per person, and
- that supplies purchased as a one-time, life-of-the-project expense are anticipated in an amount not exceed to **\$4,722**
- that a cash contingency fund for emergency needs and unplanned expenditures be established in an amount not to exceed **\$6,000**, and

that accommodations will be provided through Mwamba Bird Observatory and Field Study Centre in Watamu town on the edge of the Arabuko-Sokoke Forest. The costs for the research project include student stipends, tuition, meals, and lodging; and

that Wilbur Wright College’s participation in this collaborative research project in Kenya advances the District’s goals in the globalization of the curriculum and provides opportunities for students to develop academic and research skills key in educating future generations of scientists and engineers.

**THE CHANCELLOR**

**RECOMMENDS**

that the Board of Trustees approves the participation of Wilbur Wright College in Effects of Habitat Changes in Kenya’s Arabuko-Sokoke Forest Undergraduate Research program in order to benefit from an outstanding international research project and promote the development of global scientists, and

that Board of Trustees authorizes approval of expenditures for program, travel, lodging, vehicle, visa fees, supplies, and airfare in an amount not to exceed **\$42,408** for the Effects of Habitat Changes in Kenya’s Arabuko-Sokoke Forest Undergraduate Research program, and

that the collaborators as outlined in the grant who will receive payment for services rendered are:

- The Mwamba Bird Observatory and Field Research Centre in Watamu town, Kenya and
- A Research Scientist selected by the Kenya Wildlife Service

that Board of Trustees authorizes permission to spend grant dollars as outlined below and the establishment of a cash contingency fund for emergency needs and unexpected expenditures in an amount not to exceed **\$6,000** total for the Effects of Habitat Changes in Kenya’s Arabuko-Sokoke Forest Undergraduate Research program.

**FINANCIAL**

**FY2010 — Travel -- Not to exceed \$6,800**

**FY 2010 Program Costs -- Not to exceed \$25,825**

**FY 2010 Visa Fees -- Not to exceed \$75 – per student and faculty**

**FY 2010 Cash Contingency Fund -- Not to exceed \$6,000**

**FY 2010 Vehicle Rental and Associated Costs -- Not to exceed \$ 3,708**

**FY 2010 – FY 2012 Project Supplies -- Not to exceed \$ 4,722**

**FY 2010 Total Expenditures -- Not to exceed \$42,408.** All Program-Related Costs are charged to Fund 21000, Dept. 7010600, Project number 105281070, various accounts

Respectfully Submitted,

Deidra J. Lewis  
Interim Chancellor

**March 4, 2010 – Wright College**