**Job Title:** Biology Learning Catalyst in the Biology 111/211 Core Instruction Workshops

**Job Description**

Biology Learning Catalysts (“BioCats”) program is part of the NMSU Howard Hughes Medical Institute sponsored Peer Leader program for introductory biology courses. BioCats will each lead two sections of workshops associated with Biology 111 and 211. BioCats will also help students as they work through case studies, problem sets, and other learning activities designed to provide students with the opportunity to work with and develop a more meaningful understanding of the material presented in the Biology 111 and 211 lectures and laboratories. BioCats will be encouraged to contribute to the design and refinement of the workshop activities. Each workshop section will meet once a week for 1 hour and 15 minutes. Enrollments in the workshops are expected to range from 12 to 22 students in each section with a maximum limit of 24 students per section. BioCats will be paid $1,500 / semester and will be expected to work approximately 10 hours per week. Faculty course coordinators will meet weekly with the BioCats. The weekly meetings will be to prepare for and follow-up with the following responsibilities:

- Participation in pre-semester training, August 20 & 21, 2007.
- Attendance at lecture
  - Biol 211: 9:30 -10:20 on Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 - 9:20 on Wednesday and Friday.
- Attendance at the BioCat meeting each week.
- Preparation for weekly workshops.
- Leading two 1 hour and 15 minute workshops each week.
- Grading and recording student workshop assignments.

Application forms are available in the Biology Department Office, on the Biology Advising Center Website (http://biology-web.nmsu.edu/advising/) or the HHMI-NMSU website at (http://biology-web.nmsu.edu/hhmi-program/PeerLeaders.html). Applications will be reviewed beginning May 1, 2007. Applications will continue to be accepted and reviewed until all BioCat positions are filled. Final hire is contingent upon successful application online through Ventana (not available until July).