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A few things about me:

I am a senior majoring in biology with an emphasis in ecology and biodiversity. I am set to graduate in the spring of 2015 with minors in chemistry and statistics. I am currently conducting undergraduate research in Dr. Susannah French's herpetology and physiology lab. My interests are in how urbanization affects ecosystems and learning how to reduce these effects. I am involved in the Honors Department, Chemistry Club, Forestry Club, and the up-and-coming Ecology Club. I enjoy learning new languages, and had the opportunity to research endangered hamster conservation in Germany. I hope to get a Fulbright Research Scholarship to Germany or Austria and return to research in German-speaking Europe following my time at Utah State University. After graduation, my hopes are to continue research in graduate school and earn a PhD in biology. I want to do research and teach at a university level.

