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WLU PROFESSOR WILL TAKE PART

IN SUMMER RESEARCH PROJECT

The federal government has asked a member of Waterloo Lutheran University's growing department of Geography and Geology to assist in a summer research project in Western Canada.

Stuart A. Harris, an assistant professor in the department, will work for two months in the Cypress Hills area of the Prairies, near the Saskatchewan-Alberta border.

He will work on a study of the general soil-plant-climate-landform relationships in the area. Working with him will be Dr. Martin J. J. Bik of the Physical Geography division of the Geographical Branch, Department of Mines and Technical Surveys, and a number of other experts and senior university students.

Later, Prof. Harris will return to the Waterloo area to undertake a research project in the sand hills, northwest of the city. He will make a detailed study of the area, seeking an explanation of how they came into being. There are several possible explanations of the origin of these hills which were formed by glacial or stream action before the dawn of history.

To assist with the project, the Ontario Research Foundation has made a grant of \$1,200 available for the Waterloo-area project.

The importance of the project is highlighted by the fact that the grant was made in the face of an overwhelming demand for grant money this year. The Ontario Research Foundation was faced with requests for grants exceeding \$800,000 but had only \$300,000 at its disposal.

"I hope to make a start on the Waterloo project before I go out to the Prairies and then will continue the work in the fall," Prof. Harris said.

"It will be an extremely detailed study. Students will be assisting me in the fall and the work will provide excellent field training and experience for them."