ISTIM was an undergraduate research experience that coupled an 8-week campus research component with a 2-week field study, visiting tsunami prone areas such as Indonesia, Thailand, and Oregon in the summers of 2006, 2007, and 2008.

**OBJECTIVE:** To use the principles of science and engineering to aid in the mitigation of and recovery following natural hazards, such as tsunamis, with a focus on ethical and humanitarian issues.

First hand observations of tsunami research, reconnaissance, and recovery.

- **International Field Study**
- **Social Activities**
  - Strengthening relationships with peers and faculty through dinners, picnics, and social outings.
- **Professional Development**
  - Workshops, seminars, forums, and independent research that build skills essential to success in graduate school.
- **Interdisciplinary Approach**
  - Working within teams of scientists and engineers from different backgrounds to gain experience in the collaboration that must take place to solve real world problems.