

SUMMER INTERN PROGRAM

HARBOR BRANCH

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

Ocean Science for a Better World

Summer Internships for College & University Students

Aquaculture and Stock Enhancement

Marine Biomedical and Biotechnology

Marine Ecosystem Health

Ocean Exploration

Ocean Engineering and Technology

**Primary Funding by
The Link Foundation**



Closing Date: March 1
Announcement of Awards: April 1

<http://www.fau.edu/hboi/education/internships/>

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Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute (HBOI) at Florida Atlantic University offers a Summer Internship Program to qualified undergraduate and graduate students interested in marine-related fields. The major portion of the funding for this program is provided through the generosity of the Link Foundation. The Gertrude E. Skelly Charitable Foundation provides major support for interns in marine biomedical research.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Link established the Link Foundation in 1953. It is the policy of the foundation to make grants to qualified non-profit organizations interested in the mastery of the air and sea and in the development of energy resources and their conservation (see www.binghamton.edu/home/link/link.html for more information on the Link Foundation). Harbor Branch supervises the Foundation's oceanographic research projects and also directs several high school student awards and college-level summer internships in ocean engineering and marine science.

For over four decades, the shared vision of founder J. Seward Johnson, Sr. and inventor Edwin Link to explore, protect, and wisely use the oceans' resources shaped the work at Harbor Branch. Today, articulated as Ocean Science for a Better World™, this same vision drives over 140 Harbor Branch scientists, engineers, and support staff to be leaders in ocean-related innovation, exploration, research, education, and conservation.

Our internship program is designed to give qualified undergraduate and graduate students experience in a research environment. The areas of study may include, but are not limited to: aquaculture, biomedical marine research, marine biology, marine mammal research, marine natural product chemistry, marine microbiology, ocean engineering, ocean technology, and oceanography.

Each year the deadline for the receipt of applications is March 1. Awards are announced by April 1. Dates of the current year's program are posted on the summer intern web page at <http://www.fau.edu/hboi/education/internships/>.

VENUE

Harbor Branch (<http://www.fau.edu/hboi/>) is internationally known for its ship and submersible operations and research in marine science, biomedical marine research, aquaculture, and ocean engineering.

Harbor Branch is located between Vero Beach and Fort Pierce, Florida, on the western bank of Indian River Lagoon, the estuary with the highest biodiversity in the United States. Nearby habitats include seagrass beds, mangrove forests, salt marshes, mud and sand flats, beaches, rock ledges, and nearshore reefs.

ELIGIBILITY

Undergraduate Interns: Open to students currently enrolled in a full-time program who have completed at least the equivalent of two years of college and are currently seeking a four-year degree.

Graduate Interns: Open to currently enrolled graduate students or to graduating seniors who have been accepted and are pre-registered for a graduate program.

All applicants must be in good academic standing as evidenced by submission of a current official transcript.

Students must be at least 18 years of age.

Students who are not U.S. citizens must have a current visa with authorization to receive stipends or be on an educational visa. All other applicants must have a social security number.

SCOPE OF INTERNSHIP

Each intern will be assigned to a staff member as a mentor in an appropriate area of interest. A list of potential mentors is at: <http://www.fau.edu/hboi/education/internship/>. A project of mutual interest to the intern and mentor will be established and a plan of action developed. Interns are not required to take any prescribed courses, nor are they required to provide any services to the Institution in return for their internship. The Harbor Branch Education program provides interns with orientation and presentation workshops.

At the completion of the program, each intern is expected to submit a comprehensive written report on his or her project to the Director of Education and give an oral presentation. Copies of the written report are also provided to the intern's mentor, the supporting sponsor, and the HBOI Library. Each intern communicates the results of the project to the HBOI community in a 15-minute oral presentation as part of the annual summer intern symposium during the last week of the program.

COMPENSATION

Stipends for undergraduate and graduate interns are \$3,000 and \$3,500, respectively, for the 10-week program.

HOUSING

Interns are responsible for their own housing and transportation. Furnished student housing, with cooking and laundry facilities, is available on campus, on a first-come, first-served basis. Current housing costs and other details are provided to interns accepted into the program.

LIBRARY

The Harbor Branch Library and Information Center is an open-stack research library whose collections and services are developed and maintained for the support of the researchers, students, and visiting investigators of Harbor Branch. The library is open to Harbor Branch summer interns.

The library includes more than 17,000 volumes and 180 current periodical subscriptions, with emphasis on the biological, environmental, medical, and oceanographic sciences. The library provides photocopy equipment, workstations for the HBOI network with full Internet access, an online catalogue, and access to a variety of electronic publications.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

To be considered a complete application for review by the intern selection committee, the following materials must be submitted in application for this program:

1. Completed application form.
2. Official copy of college transcript.
3. Three (3) letters of reference from faculty.
4. Brief (one-page) essay outlining experience and career/research interests.
5. Candidates applying for graduate internships must submit proof of continuing education (copy of registration and letter of acceptance to graduate school).

See <http://www.fau.edu/hboi/education/internship/> for a downloadable application form.

All application materials must be mailed to: Summer Intern Program, c/o Human Resources Office, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute at Florida Atlantic University Inc., 5600 U.S. 1 North, Fort Pierce, FL, USA 34946.

Experience - List experience beginning with your most recent and continuing in chronological order. You may include employment, military service assignments, and volunteer activities. You may exclude organization names that indicate race, color, religion, gender, national origin, handicap, or other protected status. If additional space is needed, please attach resume.

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Summarize special skills and qualifications acquired from employment or other experience:

I would prefer to work with the following mentor(s) or in the following HBOI Research Center: _____

I certify that answers given herein are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I authorize investigation of all statements contained in this internship application as may be necessary in arriving at selection decisions. I agree to comply with the policies, rules, regulations, and procedures of HBOI/FAU.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Please mail application materials to: Summer Intern Program, c/o Human Resources Office, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute at Florida Atlantic University, 5600 U.S. 1 North, Fort Pierce, FL, USA 34946. Phone: (772) 465-2400, ext. 460; FAX: (772) 466-3644; e-mail: intern@hboi.fau.edu. Florida Atlantic University is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate in employment. No question on this application is used for the purpose of limiting or excluding any applicant's consideration for an internship on a basis prohibited by local, state, or federal law.