Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute - FAU
Summer Intern Program

Fort Pierce, Florida
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What is this program?

• An immersive internship in marine science or technology. Open to qualified undergraduate and graduate students, the 10-week program is designed to provide hands-on experience in a research environment in multiple areas.

• Each student is assigned to a mentor in one of the following disciplines:
  • Aquaculture and Stock Enhancement
  • Biomedical and Biotechnology
  • Marine Ecosystem Health
  • Ocean Dynamics and Modeling
  • Ocean Engineering and Technology
  • Ocean Exploration
  • Outreach and Informal Education

What I did this summer
What is this program?

• Interns have laboratory or other responsibilities, which is determined by the mentor and field of study.

• Interns can attend thesis defenses, guest lectures, and video conferences with faculty (including video chat with scientists on deep sea exploration dives) occurring on the HBOI campus.

• This program is a 8-hr a day commitment Monday - Friday, depending on the research. Housing options are given in Fort Pierce.

• There is a stipend of $4,500

• Program runs from May 28 – August 2
End Results

- Oral presentation
  - 12 minute talk, 3 minutes for questions
- Written report
  - Length decided by advisor
How to apply

- Online application form
- Due March 1 annually
- Three (3) letters of rec
- Resume
- One page statement of purpose (research interest and experience)
- Official transcript sent
Why was I chosen???
I don’t know… but I asked my mentor to find out

• Grades – minimum GPA
• Previous research experience
• Personal statement reflected my goals were similar to what she does
  • Talked about immunology --> she’s an immunologist

• These are not universal, just why MY PI decided
Thank you!

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