



Smithsonian Marine Station at Fort Pierce

# Marine Science Camp Internship in Southeast Florida

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Smithsonian Marine Ecosystems Exhibit in Fort Pierce, Florida is located on the Indian River Lagoon (IRL), one of the most diverse estuary in the U.S., and less than one mile from the Atlantic Ocean. This unique educational facility provides a window into these underwater worlds, offering a variety of hands-on experiences to daily visitors, as well as programming opportunities. Our focus is on displaying ecosystems as complex communities of organisms interacting in their environments. The six main exhibits are models of local Florida ecosystems (seagrass bed, mangrove forest, coral reef, etc.) and vary in size from 500 to 3000 gallons. We also have a touch tank and a variety of smaller displays.

The Exhibit serves as home base for eight week-long sessions of day camp for ages 6-16. Smithsonian Marine Science camps immerse youth in hands-on, feet-wet learning in local estuarine and marine ecosystems in the Indian River Lagoon and Atlantic Ocean. Campers spend a significant amount of time outdoors engaging in activities including kayaking, seine netting and snorkeling. The Marine Science Camp Intern will work with education staff to develop age-appropriate marine science camp curriculum, create new and engaging hands-on games and activities focused on marine science content, and co-facilitate **eight weeks of summer camp. Additional objectives can be developed based on intern's** personal interests, strengths and/or experience. Learning outcomes include familiarization with Florida marine and estuarine ecosystems, best practices in outdoor environmental education and an understanding of local marine science research.

## QUALIFICATIONS

Experience working in a summer camp setting (preferred) and/or coursework in science education, a demonstrated ability in effectively communicating with others, a strong interest in marine science, and a willingness/ability to maintain a flexible schedule, including weekends. Intern must be comfortable working outdoors in the Florida heat and humidity. Experience supervising children in water is preferred, but not required.

## TIMETABLE

May 11, 2015 - July 31, 2015, full-time

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Please submit a cover letter and current resume (package limited to **3 pages**) to Cristin Ryan at [ryanc@si.edu](mailto:ryanc@si.edu) no later than **Friday, February 27, 2015**. Please ensure that your cover letter specifies the internship for which you wish to be considered.

## AWARD PACKAGE

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