

All-Expenses-Paid Educational Opportunity for Undergraduates

Marine Resources Population Dynamics

Summer Program 2009

Experience the complexity of marine resources management first-hand in a unique and exciting way. Learn about the U.S. Gulf Coast: its people, its resources, and its issues. Join a small group of top undergraduates from around the country on this six-week program which includes a two-week trip to the Gulf Coast. Construct an educational website which will be used in classrooms around the world, by combining the pictures, text, and video interviews you create.

Participants will receive a \$2000 stipend upon completion of the program. Participants must not yet be enrolled in a graduate program when the Summer Program begins. Applicants who have participated in one of the January Marine Resources Population Dynamics Workshops will be given priority for acceptance into the program.

Read what past participants of the Summer Program have said:

- *"The summer program remains the most intense academic experience I've ever had. I learned a great deal more in a single month than in years of course work."*
- *"It much improved my ability to interact with a range of scientists and policy-makers in a professional setting. It also showed me the benefits of collaborative work with a group of highly motivated colleagues. Overall I'd say it greatly improved my development from a student to a professional researcher."*
- *"It was honestly a summer of memories I will never forget, ..., really some of the most challenging and best 5 weeks or so of my life."*
- *"The hands-on opportunities were very rewarding as well. I'll never forget our experiences such as releasing baby sea turtles, deep-sea fishing, and verbal wrangling with state officials."*
- *"The summer program was an excellent experience because it made me realize how complex marine resource management is and its constant need for improvement."*
- *"I loved the idea of creating an educational website. What a fantastic way to encourage various levels of thinking (brainstorming, researching, analysis, synthesis...) and left- and right-brain activities, not to mention that it's a great way to conduct research on and interact with agencies and schools."*

For more information on the January Workshop and the Summer Program, visit **www.nmfs.vt.edu**

