

Internship (Winter-Spring 2010)

Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation Marine Lab

Description:

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) Marine Laboratory, situated on Tarpon Bay on the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, is seeking an energetic and hardworking intern, looking for hands-on experience in marine and estuarine-related research efforts. The funding includes support for water quality sampling in the Refuge, along with seagrass monitoring. We are looking for detail-oriented individuals who can work independently also. Work will focus in and around Sanibel and Captiva Islands, Pine Island Sound and San Carlos Bay and may from time to time range up the Caloosahatchee River to Lake Okeechobee. The intern will gain direct experience working with lab staff in the lab and field and assist with data entering and related graphing and analyses. Preference will be given to applicants considering one of the environmental or aquatic/marine sciences as a career. For more details on current projects see <http://www.sccf.org/content/84/Research.aspx> (currently being updated).

Requirements:

Applicants should have a strong undergraduate background in the aquatic and/or marine sciences, including additional coursework in environmental, ecological, or related sciences. The successful applicant will be expected to work with marine lab staff assisting with lab and field efforts. They must be able to swim and have a mask, fins and a snorkel for field work. We also expect the successful applicant to develop an independent research project very soon upon arriving (with our assistance) and complete this effort during their tenure at the lab. Small boat experience and snorkeling as a minimum preferred. Interns will be required to participate heavily in fieldwork, sometimes involving long hours (potentially evenings or weekends), often under difficult field conditions (must be able to lift 50 lbs.). The intern should also be prepared to work in subtropical conditions, including Florida warm temperatures and humidity, and submerged in water of various temperatures. Depending on pending grants there may be other related opportunities during the successful applicant's tenure.

Stipend:

A weekly stipend of \$200/week and on-island housing provided, along with limited travel support for relocation.

Eligibility:

Undergraduate juniors and seniors enrolled in marine programs or with appropriate experience (see above) preferred. Graduating seniors are eligible also.

Please send: 1) a cover letter indicating your interest; 2) detailed resume/CV with summary of relevant coursework; 3) transcripts (unofficial are acceptable); 4) accompanying pdf form; and 5) contact information for two references we may contact to: lcoen@sccf.org; by email or snail mail to: Dr. Loren Coen, Director, SCCF Marine Lab, 900A Tarpon Bay Rd., Sanibel, FL 33957.

Starting Date: as early as March-April 2010

Current Duration: Four to six months

Deadline: Open until filled

Stipend: (\$200/week) and on-island housing provided, along with some travel support.

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) is a private Not-for-Profit organization dedicated to the preservation of natural resources and wildlife habitat on and around Sanibel and Captiva (<http://www.sccf.org>). SCCF just celebrated its 40th anniversary, although the Marine Lab was only started in early 2000. The laboratory houses approximately 10 full-time staff, four of whom are Ph.D. level staff scientists, and a grants administrator. One of the four senior scientists serves also as the lab's GIS/Database administrator.

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) Marine Laboratory is seeking an energetic and hardworking intern with a marine and estuarine college background to assist with the lab's numerous research projects, as well as working on an independent research project developed with our assistance. One of the independent projects we are envisioning is using our RECON (see below) platforms to compare fouling communities over their 100 km range.



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Name: _____ Email: _____

Current Mailing Address: _____

Current Academic Standing: _____

Degree Major: _____ Degree: _____

University Attending or Attended: _____

Department Where Degree Conferred from: _____

Overall G.P.A.: _____

***Please indicate the date that you will be available to start (Month and Day):** _____ / _____

Date of Birth: _____

Sex (M/F): _____

Please note that gender information will be used for the sole purpose of housing arrangements.
SCCF is an equal-opportunity employer.

Please list all relevant coursework (limited to 500 characters)



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Please list all relevant experience (limited to 2000 characters)



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What would you like to gain from this internship? (limited to 3000 characters)

Please tell us how you found out about this internship: _____

**Please provide 2 contacts for letters of recommendation and send completed for to Dr. Loren Coen, Director, SCCF Marine Lab ([@lcoen@sccf.org](mailto:lcoen@sccf.org)) asap.