

Research Internship Description

Dates: May through August, 2022

Department Supervisor: Dr. Loraé T. Simpson, Director of Research and Conservation

Purpose: The goal of the internship program is for individuals to gain experience in collaboration, experimental design, data collection, and dissemination of results while working as part of productive research and restoration laboratory. Interns will be given the opportunity to conduct an independent research project under the guidance of department scientists. Interns will also assist with ongoing habitat monitoring and various research projects, where they will gain valuable field and laboratory experience, as they are fully integrated into the Research Department.

Responsibilities: Perform independent research and assist the Research Department in daily activities and duties including, but not limited to, the following:

- Monitor created and natural oyster, wetland, and seagrass habitats in the St. Lucie River Estuary (SLE) and the Indian River Lagoon (IRL), Florida
- Lab and field data collection and entry into various programs
- Assist with ongoing research projects that focus on flora and fauna in the SLE and the IRL
- Conduct an independent research project on seagrass, bivalves, or mangroves under the guidance of department scientists
- Present independent research in a 15-minute presentation to colleagues and guests at the end of the internship

Qualifications:

- Currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program, at least 18 years old, with an interest in marine biology, wetland ecology, natural resource management, restoration and conservation or related discipline
- Availability to work 40 hours a week. Field work may involve 8 -10 hour days
- Must be able to work independently and as part of a team
- Ability to walk, wade, and work in adverse conditions such as heat, sun exposure, water and uneven terrain
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs.
- Must be able to swim and comfortably snorkel
- Must have own transportation, or arrange transportation to the Coastal Center

Benefits:

- \$14.00/hour
- May be eligible to receive school credit – please check with your undergraduate or graduate advisor

To apply to [Florida Oceanographic Society](#) (FOS) please submit via e-mail, a cover letter, CV or resume, and the [FOS employment application](#) to Dr. Loraé T. Simpson (lsimpson@floridaocean.org) by **March 1st, 2022**. A letter of recommendation from a professor or professional who can speak on your scientific merits is required. Please have your reference letter sent directly to lsimpson@floridaocean.org, no later than March 1st, 2022.