



THE OUR WORLD-UNDERWATER SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF)

Marine Conservation Internship

Website: <http://www.reef.org>

About REEF

The Reef Environmental Education Foundation is a grass-roots, non-profit organization of recreational divers dedicated to protecting and preserving the underwater environment. Major programs include: the REEF Fish Survey Project, utilizing volunteer divers to conduct fish species and abundance surveys during their dives; Exotic Species Sightings Program, Lionfish Outreach and Control Programs; Grouper Moon spawning aggregation project; and Artificial Reef Survey projects which examine recruitment of reef fish to wrecks in the FI Keys.

The Marine Conservation Internship

Offered in Key Largo, Florida, the Marine Conservation Internship provides upperclass undergraduates and recent graduates the opportunity to experience working at a nonprofit marine conservation organization.

Outside duties include educational presentations to local and visiting school, university, dive and public groups; working with other local marine conservation entities; and opportunities for conducting marine life surveys during local dives. There will also be opportunities to assist with lionfish research, outreach, and control programs in FL. Office duties include recording and entering exotic species reports into the database, assisting with the development of outreach materials, entering marine life survey data, answering e-mails and dealing with the public.

Length of Internship

3 to 4 months, from approximately mid-May through late August, with specific timing to be coordinated between intern and sponsor.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Is scuba certification required? Yes
- Useful skills/experience
 - Public outreach experience
 - Marine Biology or Ecology coursework
 - Public speaking, computer skills including Microsoft Word/Excel, written and oral proficiency in the English language

Budget

A grant of \$2,000 will help to cover travel to/from site, room, board and related living expenses. The Internship Sponsor will assist in arranging housing. Interns will be given a monthly stipend to cover these incurred costs. Transportation and Scuba equipment must be provided by the intern.

All expenses must be approved expenses or have the written approval of the Internship Coordinator. Any expenses that are unapproved or are above the grant amount will be the responsibility of the intern.

Written Report

Upon completion of the Internship, the recipient will be required to complete a written review of his or her experience.