Smithsonian Environmental Research Center
Internships

Program Description

The Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC) in Edgewater, Maryland offers undergraduate and beginning graduate students a unique opportunity to gain hand-on experience in the fields of environmental research and education. The program enables students to work on specific projects while getting experience in valuable lab techniques all under the direction of the Center's professional staff. The program is tailored to provide the maximum educational benefit to each participant.

SERC is focused on understanding the causes and consequences of environmental change for marine, freshwater, and terrestrial ecosystems. Interns at SERC conduct independent projects over 12-16 weeks utilizing our 2,650 acre research site on the shores of Chesapeake Bay to provide novel insights into some of the most profound issues challenging our world today, including habitat loss, climate change, and invasive species. The Smithsonian Environmental Research Center has maintained an REU site since 2001 and those students sponsored have used our professional-training programs as a stepping stone to pursue advanced careers in the environmental sciences.

How to Apply

Application to the SERC Internship Program consists of on-line registration, Student copy of transcripts, personal essay, CV or resume, and two letters of recommendation using the Smithsonian On-line Academic Appointment (SOLAA) **https://solaa.si.edu/solaa/#/public**

Application deadlines are listed below:
Winter/Spring (January-May): Deadline is **November 15th**
Summer (May-August): Deadline is **February 15th**
Fall (September-December): Deadline is **June 1st**

For more information please visit our web site
https://serc.si.edu/pro_training/internships/projectmenu.aspx

Or email: SERCintern@si.edu

The Smithsonian Institution is an Equal Opportunity Employer
Students from under-represented groups or institutions lacking research facilities or research opportunities are especially encouraged to apply.
However, all other interested students are encouraged to apply.