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Woods Hole Science Aquarium Announces 2010 Summer Programs for High School Students

The Woods Hole Science Aquarium (WWSA) is offering two summer programs for high school students in 2010, a five-week internship and a two-week seminar devoted to careers in marine science. Both programs are designed for students who are interested in marine science and marine animals, aquarium operations, and marine education and conservation.

Interns in the five-week program will spend approximately 25 hours per week in the aquarium helping to care for animals. The interns will learn about animal husbandry and will be trained as assistant naturalists for shore-side collecting trips for the public. The five-week program will run from July 5 through August 6. In the last two weeks, the interns will participate in the careers seminar.

The Careers in Marine Science seminar will run from July 26 to August 6, approximately 15 to 20 hours per week. The seminar is designed to give students an idea of what people working in Woods Hole science institutions do, and how different disciplines contribute to the larger effort to understand the marine world and to manage marine resources wisely.

Seminar participants will learn animal husbandry and basic aquarist skills, hear presentations from scientists working in a variety of fields, go on collecting trips, and visit other science institutions and aquariums. Students who participate in the seminar may have the option of staying on an additional one to two weeks to help with animal husbandry and to serve as assistant naturalists on collecting walks.

To participate in either the internship or the seminar, students must have finished 10th, 11th or 12th grade and must be at least 16 years old by July 5. Applicants must have U.S. citizenship. Application forms are available in the aquarium and online at <http://aquarium.nefsc.noaa.gov/hsinterns.html>. Applicants must also provide a transcript and two references. E-mail applications are welcome. All application materials must be post-marked by March 19. The 2010 interns and seminar participants will be announced by April 2.

The Woods Hole Science Aquarium holds approximately 140 species of marine animals in several dozen tanks that provide cold water, temperate water, and warm water habitats. In a typical summer week, thousands of visitors come to the aquarium from many states and nations.

The summer programs are run by the staff of the Woods Hole Science Aquarium and are a project of NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service and the Marine Biological Laboratory.

The aquarium welcomes applications from students of all backgrounds. Students from groups currently under-represented in marine sciences are especially encouraged to apply – this includes African American, Cape Verdean, Hispanic, and Native American students.

Questions about the program may be directed to George Liles, WWSA Curator, (508) 495-2037, or george.liles@noaa.gov

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Related links:

Woods Hole Science Aquarium: <http://aquarium.nefsc.noaa.gov/>

Application Form: <http://aquarium.nefsc.noaa.gov/hsinterns.html>

2009 Summer Program and Interns:

http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/press_release/2009/SciSpot/SS0911/index.html