

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES FOR UNDERGRADUATES SITE



SHANNON POINT MARINE CENTER

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PROGRAM

The Shannon Point Marine Center's (SPMC) Research Experiences for Undergraduates Site will support independent, supervised research on the part of eight undergraduates in 2016. Student support includes a \$4500 stipend plus a \$630 food allowance, a travel allowance and housing at SPMC for the nine-week session (June 21 - August 19). Students work with faculty supervisors, conducting projects and developing written and oral reports at the conclusion of the session. General research themes include productivity and nutrient cycling in local watershed systems; marine microbial ecology; physiology of symbiosis; larval development; physiology, ecology, and morphology of marine invertebrates; coastal oceanography; and chemical ecology. Additional information on the program and SPMC is available at www.wwu.edu/spmc/reu.shtml.

FACILITIES

SPMC is located in Anacortes, Washington, 90 miles north of Seattle, Washington, and an equal distance south of Vancouver, British Columbia. The 87-acre campus includes teaching-research laboratories, five research vessels, and a dormitory with kitchen facilities available for food preparation. Located on the mainland, the Shannon Point Marine Center offers easy access to the marine and coastal environments of the Pacific Northwest, as well as the alpine environments of the Cascade Mountains and the Olympic Peninsula.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. and its possessions and must be enrolled in a 2- or 4-year institution of higher education. Students who have received a bachelor's degree before the start date of the program are ineligible. Continuing SPMC's long-standing tradition of working with diverse student groups through the Multicultural Initiative in Marine Science Undergraduate Program (<http://www.wwu.edu/mimsup>), we strongly encourage applications from underserved and underrepresented groups. Applicants should submit the online form, a statement describing their general background and interests in pursuing a research experience, undergraduate transcripts, and one letter of reference by February 15, 2016, to spmc@wwu.edu. Note that National Science Foundation funding for this REU program is pending.

All students who are offered a position at this REU Site have until March 15th or later to accept or reject the offer. Any student who is asked to accept or reject an offer prior to March 15th should contact the Division of Ocean Science's REU Program Director, Lisa Rom at elrom@NSF.gov or 703-292-7709. NSF does not handle REU applications; please contact each REU site directly for application information.

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