

Research Internships in Plant Ecology, Archbold Biological Station, Florida
Beginning February - April 2015 (applications due 3 October 2014)
Ideal for Students with Undergraduate Degrees Contemplating Graduate School

Includes independent research project. Provides Stipend, Room, and Board.

Internships at Archbold Biological Station in south-central Florida in the Plant Ecology Program. Interns will work in the plant ecology laboratory of Dr. Eric Menges, which emphasizes conservation biology, plant demography, restoration ecology, fire ecology, landscape ecology, and fire management. We study many species of endemic vascular plants in endangered Florida scrub and related communities. Active fire management provides outstanding opportunities for short-term comparative studies in fire ecology. Our long-term (as long as 26-year) datasets on dozens of scrub plants gives context to short-term, focused, field projects. A large-scale experimental restoration provides a useful context for restoration ecology projects. Additional information can be found at the Archbold website: <http://www.archbold-station.org/> or the plant ecology program website: <http://www.archbold-station.org/html/research/plant/plant.html>

Interns receive room, breakfasts and lunches, a meal allowance, and a weekly stipend of \$100. They work 20 hours per week as research assistants and the remainder on an independent research project. Internships generally run for 6-12 months but are flexible in their starting dates and durations. Internships offer an opportunity for experience in every aspect of scientific research, from project choice and experimental design to oral and written presentations.

Archbold Biological Station is active in research, conservation, and education. Our facilities include a 5000 ha preserve, an outstanding regional library and a GIS lab running ArcINFO. We have a staff of about 50 with many visiting scientists, an active seminar program, and a relaxed biological station atmosphere.

To apply for an internship in the plant ecology lab, please provide the following: a cover letter stating research interests, a resume or CV, and a summary of grades. Arrange for two letters of recommendation to be sent to us via email. Materials should be sent by OCTOBER 3, 2014. Please EMAIL all application material to:

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