

Coral Restoration and Conservation Internship Application 2015

ABOUT THE INTERNSHIP

Thank you for your interest in applying to the Coral Restoration and Conservation Internship. The CRF internship program is a rigorous internship that invites participants to delve into the world of coral restoration and non-profit inner-workings. Internship positions generally last 4 months and are full-time positions (40hrs/wk). Interns can expect to gain a vast amount of experience both on the water and in the Education Center (EC). In the EC, interns perform a range of tasks including answering phones, greeting visitors and answering their questions, inputting data, and performing aquarium maintenance. Dive days occur 1-4* times a week where interns assist CRF staff with various activities including maintenance of CRF's offshore coral nurseries, out planting corals to designated restoration sites throughout the Upper Keys, and leading fellow divers participating in our dive program opportunities. The interns are asked to present to the community on multiple occasions, complete a personal project, and learn how to and apply for grants.

**Diving is weather dependent, and can cause fluctuation in days on the water, sometimes resulting in weeks where there is zero water time.

DATES OF INTERNSHIP

- Spring: January 2015- late April/early May 2015
- Summer: Early May- Late August
- Fall: Early September- Late December

QUALIFICATIONS

- Applicant should be enrolled in an undergraduate program, graduate program, or be a recent graduate from a college university.
- Preference will be given to those applicants with Advanced Open Water certification and higher, and those with previous boat handling and ocean diving experience.
- Applicant should have at least 20 dives and preference will be given to those showing strong diving experience.
- Applicant must be physically fit and able to work on the water and in the sun for long periods of time (8 hours a day for several days in a row).
- Housing and reliable vehicular transportation must be provided by the intern.
- All dive gear (excluding tanks) must be provided by the intern.
- Applicant must be 18+ years of age or older.
- Upon selection, candidates will be required to provide a dive physical, dive certifications and log-books, and proof of DAN insurance, and applicant will be required to provide proof of CPR/First Aid training.

To apply please compile and deliver the following documents in PDF format to Ashley Hill, Intern Coordinator, at ashley@coralrestoration.org or to the CRF Education Center at 5 Seagate Blvd., Key

Largo, Florida 33037.

Cover letter

Resume (including contact information for three references)

Minimum of one letter of recommendation

Short answers (less than 300 words) to each of the questions listed below

Please answer the following questions with short answers (less than 500 words each) and submit them along with the rest of your application materials.

1. Please describe your diving experience: what certifications do you hold? How many dives do you have? What types of diving have you done and in what weather conditions (e.g. ocean, boat, lake, shore, etc.)? Describe your confidence and self-sufficiency while diving. Describe weather conditions you have experienced while diving.
2. We provide our interns a small stipend (~\$300.00/month) for the duration of the internship. The cost of living in the Florida Keys can range from \$1,500.00-\$2,000.00/month. Please describe how you plan to support yourself for the duration of the internship (e.g. savings, obtaining a second job, etc.).
3. Why do you want to be a CRF Coral Restoration and Conservation intern? How does the internship fit in with your future goals?