

## **Coral Restoration and Conservation Internship Application 2016**

- ✓ **Applications are due July 18, 2016**
- ✓ **Internship dates: September 6, 2016 – December 16, 2016**

Thank you for your interest in the Coral Restoration Foundation Internship. This is a rigorous program that allows participants to delve into the world of coral restoration, marine ecology, and non-profit management. Interns can expect to gain a vast amount of experience both on the water and in our Education Center (EC). In the EC, interns will learn a range of tasks including answering phones, greeting and engaging visitors, processing field data, and performing aquarium maintenance. Additionally, interns will have opportunities to work closely with CRF staff members on a variety of projects related to conservation and non-profit administration. Diving takes place 1-4\* times per week, with interns assisting CRF staff and volunteers with the management of CRF's offshore coral nurseries, the out-planting of coral colonies, and the monitoring of reefs throughout the Florida Keys. Interns will also play a crucial role as the team leaders for the groups of recreational divers that participate in CRF's dive programs throughout the year. On these programs, interns will be expected to lead divers of varying skill levels through basic nursery and out-planting tasks. Interns are also asked to present to the community on several occasions, assist at outreach events, and participate in important discussions within the foundation. Internship positions generally last four months and are full-time positions (40hrs/wk). Interns are given a moderate monthly stipend.

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

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Applicant must be 18+ years of age or older.
- Applicant should be enrolled in an undergraduate program having completed at least two years of study at an accredited college or university, be in enrolled in a graduate program, or be a recent graduate from a college or university.
- **Applicant should have at least 30 logged dives.**
- ***Housing and reliable vehicular transportation must be provided by the intern. Applicants should keep in mind the cost of living in the Florida Keys can be between \$800.00-\$1200.00 monthly. Rent will be less expensive if intern teams share living spaces.***
- All dive gear (excluding tanks) must be provided by the intern. This means: BCD, regulator, mask, fins, snorkel, wetsuit, weights, and gloves.
- 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).
- Preference will be given to students who have studied or are studying marine science, specifically coral reefs.
- Preference will be given to those with Advanced Open Water dive certification and higher, those with boat diving experience, and those with ocean diving experience.
- Upon selection, candidates will be required to provide a dive physical, dive certifications and log-books, proof of DAN insurance, and proof of CPR/First Aid training.

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To apply: please compile and email the **following documents in a single PDF** to Ashley Hill, Intern Coordinator, at [ashley@coralrestoration.org](mailto:ashley@coralrestoration.org).

- Cover letter
- Resume and/or CV (including contact information for three references)
- Minimum of two letters of recommendation (letters of recommendation can be from listed references and sent separately)