

Undergraduate Internship Opportunities Integrating Energy Development, Policy, and Resource Conservation



Applied Biodiversity Sciences Conservation Scholars Program

The state of Texas is a leader in deep-ocean drilling fracking on land and development of alternative energy sources such as wind. The Deepwater Horizon spill has raised concerns about drilling and alternative forms of energy development and the impacts on human health, local economies, and the biodiversity and natural resources of Texas and adjacent waters. To confront the complex challenge of conserving biodiversity while meeting the needs of society, students need exposure and training in conflict resolution, natural resource policy, and the role of research in the natural and social science.

Conservation Scholars: We seek applications for internship positions from undergraduate students interested in local issues related to the Gulf of Mexico ecosystems and energy development and on broader questions of the relationship between energy development, energy policy and natural resources. Each intern will receive a small research stipend through a faculty advisor to conduct baseline research related to a proposed summer internship opportunity. This stipend will be available Fall and Spring semester. The student will then spend one month working in a state or federal agency, **fully funded by the program**, to gain hands-on experience on issues related to natural resource management and energy development. The majority of interns will be focused on the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem. A limited number of internships will be designed to work on broader questions that are applicable globally as well as to the Gulf of Mexico.

Application: Competition is open to all undergraduates at Texas A&M University regardless of department or major as well as students from Texas A&M Corpus Christi and Texas A&M University at Galveston. It is the creativity of the proposed research and internship opportunity that matters. We recommend you identify and work with a faculty mentor as you develop your application. Applications will be reviewed by a committee of faculty and graduate students. We anticipate 6 awards will be made in 2014. Submit a recent résumé, a 1-page proposal of your specific internship and research interests, and a letter from your proposed faculty mentor via email by October 15, 2014 to:

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The subject line should contain the following: **Last Name_First Name, Conservation**