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SUMMER 2008 INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT BIGELOW LABORATORY FOR OCEAN SCIENCES: Lobster Ecology

Interested undergraduates and recent graduates are invited to apply for summer internships in subtidal benthic ecology research. The number of internships will depend on the availability of funding. Internships will begin as early as mid-May and will likely extend through November 2008. We especially encourage students interested in pursuing a career in marine science, ecology, or fisheries who are available into the fall.

Research during the summer of 2008 continues almost two decades of research on early life history and recruitment processes of the American lobster in New England. Two projects, both supported by NOAA grants, dominate the coming summer: one is a US-Canadian collaboration that evaluates larval settlement patterns from Rhode Island to Newfoundland using passive postlarval collectors; the other is a collaboration with the Maine fishermen to evaluate the efficacy of genetic fingerprinting techniques as applied to fishery enhancement trials. Interns will spend much of their time in the field, conducting underwater surveys, working closely with fishermen on their boats, and conducting experimental manipulations to address project objectives. Additionally, interns will be expected to assist with other ongoing research projects, as well as data entry and analysis.

Applicants must be SCUBA certified and provide their own equipment, except tanks. Divers can expect water temperatures ranging from 9-18°C in the Gulf of Maine, and sometimes low visibility. Dry-suits are not required, but are highly recommended, as field days will regularly consist of multiple dives in all weather conditions. Prior experience with outboard motor boats, computer spreadsheets and statistical software is desirable, but not required. **This is an intensive field-based research program with long hours and VERY physically demanding work. Therefore, a commensurate level of physical fitness is expected.**

Work will be staged from Bigelow Laboratory <http://www.bigelow.org/> in West Boothbay Harbor and the University of Maine's Darling Marine Center in Walpole. Interns are housed at the Darling Marine Center <http://www.dmc.maine.edu/>. Interns are provided a living stipend and dormitory housing.

Applications should include a completed questionnaire, resumé, academic transcripts (unofficial is acceptable), and two letters of recommendation. Questionnaires are available at www.bigelow.org. If you have any questions or problems, please contact Charlene Bergeron (see below).

Send all material by ground mail to:

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Review of applications begins in April, 2008. If not a US citizen please apply early.

SUMMER LOBSTER INTERN QUESTIONNAIRE 2008

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name:	e-mail:
Phone:	
Mailing Address:	

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University:	Graduating Class: (season and year)	
Area of Concentration:		
Courses in Biology/Ecology/Marine Science (List all you feel are relevant)		
Briefly describe any research you have been involved in:		

SCUBA EXPERIENCE

Certification Agency:	Current Certification Level:	Year of Certification:	# Open Water Dives:

Current Certifications (Please Check all that apply)			
CPR:	First Aid:	DAN O2 Provider:	SCUBA Rescue:

How would you rank your experience on a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being most experienced):			
Cold Water Diving:		Low/Zero Visibility:	
Diving in Currents:		Diving from Boats:	
Identification of New England Invertebrates:		Identification of New England Fish:	

Do you have your own dive gear?	
If NO, are you willing to invest in the gear you need?	
Can you repeatedly lift 50 pounds?	
Any health problems that would prevent you from diving?	
Are you prone to motion sickness?	

BOATING EXPERIENCE

How would you rank your experience on a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being most experienced):			
Vessel Operation (18-23ft):		Navigation (Compass, GPS):	
Boat Repair:		Trailing/Launching Small Vessels:	

COMPUTING EXPERIENCE

How would you rank your experience on a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being most experienced):			
MSExcel:		MSWord:	
MSPowerPoint:		MSAccess:	

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Please use the space below to describe any other qualifications you think are relevant:

AVAILABILITY

Please list approximate dates available.
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REFERENCES (Please provide contact info for your TWO references)

Name		
e-mail		
Phone No.		
Relationship		