

Greetings,

We are looking for individuals to serve as mentors for the NOAA - Northern Gulf Institute Diversity Internship Program.

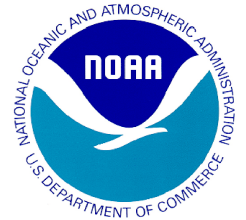


The NOAA-NGI Diversity Internship Program is a 10 week summer program for undergraduates and graduate students. It is designed to provide work experiences in a research setting and give students an understanding of research, data & data management, NOAA & NGI, and the Gulf of Mexico.



The specific discipline for these internships is very broad. In past years, students have conducted projects in marine science, oceanography, engineering, social science, information science, science communication. This year we are adding environmental justice as a possible focus area.

The program, started in 2008, has provided internships for approximately 6-10 students per year and is funded by NESDIS - NOAA. The students earn a competitive stipend that varies with their educational level and are expected to work an average of 40 hrs per week. There is a focus on recruiting students from the northern Gulf of Mexico and individuals from demographic groups under-represented in the NOAA workforce. Students attend a kick-off orientation at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab June 1 (reporting to your labs on June 3) and attend a Internship Summit at the Stennis Space Center at the conclusion of the program (travel is covered).



We are looking for a few great mentors who can provide this research and work experience in their laboratories or field operations. We ask that the project be focused on the Gulf of Mexico, involve data in some way and that you take an active role in mentoring these students.

If you are interested in participating as a mentor, please either let us know via email or complete and submit the attached short mentor survey. I have also attached a one page flyer describing the program and a FAQ page or you can visit our website - http://www.disl.org/ngi_internship. Please feel free to pass this letter on to your colleagues.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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