MARINE RESEARCH INTERNSHIP

The Central Caribbean Marine Institute (CCMI) Research Internship is a 3 or 6-month programme that will help young scientists hone their skills and identify potential research or career routes for the future. This internship could also qualify for a Year In Industry Work Experience, if undertaken over a suitable length of time.

CCMI maintains an active field research programme in the Cayman Islands. Interns gain exceptional field and laboratory experience by supporting our scientists working on three themes: coral reef resilience and restoration, fish behaviour and coral reef health. The programme can qualify for a college requirement for a year in industry or conservation work experience at the master’s degree level.

Internship Responsibilities

Your internship will entail working with a vibrant and dynamic group of scientists. You will gain experience in the following:

- Setting up experiments, preparing research vessels, collecting and analyzing data
- Maintaining coral nurseries and the Coral Reef Early Warning System (CREWS) buoy
- Participating in the annual coral reef surveys
- Collecting and processing samples from coral spawning and coral microbiomes
- Introducing research during tours of the station and for our education programmes
- Mentoring college students
- When not engaged in research, assisting with the general operations at the station

Intern Experience Requirements

CCMI is seeking candidates with the following qualifications:

- Bachelor’s degree in related field, unless the internship qualifies for a year in industry work experience requirement at your college
- Versatility. CCMI interns should be capable of working with minimal supervision and under strenuous conditions and be versatile and willing to assist with a variety of tasks
- Scuba diving skills, preferably rescue diver level with 60+ dives
- Excellent analytical and communications skills
- Experience in coral reef ecological research, reef surveys, GIS mapping, photo and video interpretation, maintaining and calibrating instruments all a plus

If you would like to experience living on a remote island and being part of dynamic team, and if you are comfortable being an all-around support team member, we encourage you to apply. You must have DAN insurance and health insurance. Further career opportunities following the internship may be available, based upon project status and individual performance.

Follow the instructions HERE to apply.