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# Smithsonian Environmental Research Center

## Program Description

The Smithsonian Environmental Research Center located in Edgewater, Maryland offers undergraduate and beginning graduate students a unique opportunity to gain hand-on experience in the fields of environmental research and education. The program enables students to work on specific projects while getting experience in valuable lab techniques all under the direction of the Center's professional staff. The program is tailored to provide the maximum educational benefit to each participant.

The Center has 17 research labs investigating the following topics: Global Change, Ecology of Coastal Ecosystems, Landscape Ecology, Population & Community Ecology, and Environmental Education. Projects include terrestrial and estuarine

environmental research within the disciplines of mathematics, physics, chemistry, microbiology, botany, zoology, GIS and environmental education. Students are not only able to work on their individual project, but are also encouraged to learn about all the research at SERC and participate in other activities offered in their lab and in the internship program.



## How to Apply

Application to the SERC Internship Program consists of an application form, transcripts, a 2-3 page personal essay, and two letters of recommendation. Application deadlines are listed below:

**Spring** (January-May): Deadline is postmark November 15<sup>th</sup>

**Summer** (May-August): Deadline is postmark February 1<sup>st</sup>

**Fall** (September-December): Deadline is postmark June 1<sup>st</sup>

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