Bridge to Research in Marine Sciences for Undergraduates  
Savannah, Georgia – Summer 2012

May 21 –July 12, 2012  
$4,000 stipend  
On-campus housing during the program  
Travel costs covered up to $500

The program provides three weeks of classroom, field, and laboratory work to build technical, scientific, communications and ethics skills with guest and mentor lectures followed by a 2-day research cruise aboard the R/V Savannah or R/V Hatteras. During the final five weeks of the program, students will be actively engaged in research projects at Savannah State University, the Skidaway Institute of Oceanography, Georgia Tech, or Gray’s Reef National Marine Sanctuary in Savannah. Students will keep a research log, develop a seminar presentation, and submit a formal written research report. The ‘Bridge Program’ is based on more than 25 years of experience and success in attracting, retaining, and preparing individuals, particularly early in their college career and from groups underrepresented in the marine and geosciences, for success through degree programs, research experiences, inter-institutional collaboration and connection-making.

Students who have already had research experiences are NOT ELIGIBLE for this program. This program is designed for current freshmen and sophomores majoring in the sciences, engineering or mathematics, and who are American citizens or permanent residents.

Current juniors and seniors should apply for a more traditional marine science Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program. There are 27 listed at [http://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/list_result.cfm?unitid=5053](http://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/list_result.cfm?unitid=5053)

Funding for this REU site is provided by the National Science Foundation’s Division of Ocean Science's located in Arlington, VA. The NSF contact for this program is Lisa Rom, erlrom@NSF.gov or 703-292-7709. **NSF does not handle REU applications**! Application information is provided below.

**Application Deadline March 1, 2012**  
(extensions may be requested)

To apply, visit the REU Bridge website at [www.savannahstate.edu/marine sciences](http://www.savannahstate.edu/marine sciences) and click on “Internships and Fellowships”. Be sure to read the application instructions carefully for a full list of documents needed to complete the application process. Such items include a copy of all college transcripts and two letters of recommendation (preferably academic) from individuals who can evaluate your qualifications and your potential to contribute to and benefit from participation.

**For questions about the program or the Bridge to Research application process contact:**

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and click on “Internships and Fellowships”