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Beginning approximately March 2018 and thereafter; running 8 months.


Ideal for Students with Undergraduate Degrees Contemplating Graduate School

Includes independent research project. Provides Stipend, Room and Board.

Internships available at Archbold Biological Station in south-central Florida in the Plant Ecology Program, led by Dr. Eric Menges, which emphasizes conservation biology, plant demography, restoration ecology, fire ecology, landscape ecology, and fire management. We study many rare species of endemic vascular plants in endangered Florida scrub and related communities. Active fire management provides outstanding opportunities for short-term comparative studies in fire ecology. Our long-term (as long as 30-year) datasets on dozens of scrub plants gives context to short-term, focused, field projects. A large-scale experimental restoration provides a useful context for restoration ecology projects. Additional information can be found at the Archbold website: http://www.archbold-station.org/ or the plant ecology program website: http://www.archbold-station.org/html/research/plant/plant.html or our intern website: http://www.archbold-station.org/html/research/plant/plantinternship.html

Interns live on site and receive a room, breakfasts and lunches, a meal allowance, and a weekly stipend of $100. Each intern works 20 hours per week assisting with a wide range of ongoing research projects. The remainder of the week can be devoted to an independent research project. Internships run for 8 months (can sometimes be extended) and offer an opportunity for experience in every aspect of scientific research, from project choice and experimental design to oral and written presentations. Our internships are ideal preparation for graduate research in ecology. Most of our interns have gone on to academic or professional positions and many have first-authored publications based on their intern projects.

Archbold Biological Station is active in research, conservation, and education. Our facilities include a 5000 ha preserve, an outstanding regional library and a GIS lab running ArcINFO. We have a staff of about 50 with many visiting scientists, an active seminar program, and a relaxed biological station atmosphere.
To apply for an internship in the plant ecology lab, please provide the following: a cover letter stating research interests, a resume or CV, and a summary of grades. Arrange for two letters of recommendation to be sent to us via email. Materials should be sent by December 15, 2017.

EMAIL APPLICATIONS ONLY! Send to Eric Menges at emenges@archbold-station.org

Archbold is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from members of underrepresented groups.