

SMITH LAB

Volunteer Application Form

Volunteer Name:	Date:
Email:	Telephone:
Year/Major/Minor/:	GPA:
Expected Graduation Date:	
Relevant classes:	
Availability – we ask that new volunteers commit to at least 10 hours weekly for two consecutive quarters (6 months). Lab operating hours are from 9am-5pm, M-F.	
Available Start Date: _____	Projected End Date: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	Hours _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	Hours _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	Hours _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	Hours _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday	Hours _____

General Position Description:

Our lab is run by Dr. Jennifer Smith and is located in room 2255 in Hubbs Hall at Scripps Institution of Oceanography. The work of the lab focuses on understanding the factors that influence community structure in benthic marine ecosystems. Our lab is made up of a large group of students, researchers, and volunteers.

A volunteer position in our lab is ideal for individuals who are motivated hard workers, who are interested in research experience, and who may plan to pursue a graduate degree or a career in marine biology. Volunteers will work on task-oriented projects. They can require long hours doing repetitive tasks. Please think carefully about whether or not this position is right for you.

We are asking for a time commitment from our volunteers of a minimum of 10 hours per week. Volunteers may be asked to perform tasks associated with the regular functioning of the lab, including cleaning aquarium tanks, processing samples, conducting literature searches, editing photos, filing, cleaning and organizing lab space, entering data, and web-based projects. Please keep in mind that although this is an unpaid position, we can offer you the experience of working in a unique environment with a fun group of people.

****All students must volunteer with the Smith lab for AT LEAST one quarter before they are eligible to apply for a 199 with the Smith Lab.**

****All volunteers must adhere to the safety rules of the lab at all times.**

*****To complete your application, please answer the following questions and attach a copy of your resume.*****

Questions:

1. What attracted you to this lab? Is there a particular aspect of our work that interests you?
2. Why have you chosen to volunteer with us? What goal(s) do you want to have accomplished by the end of the position?
3. What have you enjoyed most about previous work/volunteer opportunities?
4. Tell us about any particular skills, hobbies, or interests you have. What do you believe is the most important thing you can offer our lab?
5. Tell us about your lab experience and/or any related positions.