

2014 CMAST Undergraduate Summer Fellows Program

NC State University's Center for Marine Sciences and Technology in Morehead City, NC enthusiastically supports undergraduate research – providing students with opportunities to design projects and gain rewarding research experiences.

In consultation with a faculty advisor that matches their interest, each student will: 1) identify a study project addressing a current issue affecting coastal ecosystems and communities; 2) participate in research design, implementation, and effective presentation of research results; and 3) gain an understanding for the logistical challenges, ethical issues, and positive rewards surrounding environmental research. A description of research, extension and education activities and programs at CMAST can be found online at <u>www.cmast.ncsu.edu</u> and via CMAST newsletters, which are also available online.

Funding for 2014 is provided through CMAST in support of 2-3 summer undergraduate students. The 10-week summer research program **will begin May 27 through August 5**. Undergraduate students are selected based on expressed interest, coursework and recommendation letters.

Students selected for the internship are expected to submit a written summary of their research, as well as give a 15minute oral presentation before their faculty mentors and invited guests during the last week of the program. The CMAST Summer Fellows Program is open to all students statewide at the university, college or community college level.

Students must APPLY ONLINE at

Students are required to provide a copy of courses taken or transcripts and two letter(s) of recommendation. The applicant should also submit a short essay (one page) on why a summer research experience is important.

Eligible students must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents in the U.S. or its possessions and currently enrolled (or matriculated) as a full-time undergraduate student. Students who have completed their requirements for graduation or who will graduate by May 27, 2014 are *not* eligible to apply, except those moving from a community college to university (or four-year college) setting. Each student must participate in the full 10-week summer program without other course work or employment commitments. **Housing is not provided**.

Deadline for application is March 14, 2014. Applicants will be notified of acceptance by April 11, 2014.

For further information about the program contact Dr. Patricia McClellan-Green at <u>pdmcclel@ncsu.edu</u>