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SWP/DWP INTERNSHIP

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INTERNSHIP AT A GLANCE

- Location: Biscayne National Park, Homestead FL
- Dates: Appx. Mid-June to Early August
- Compensation: \$850 /week
- Accommodations: Semi-Private Housing provided (Everglades National Park)

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Scientific diver certification from a diving program in good standing with AAUS
- 6 - 8 weeks of availability between mid-June and early August 2023
- Further requirement details on following pages



• Smithsonian



Application Deadline 05/02/2023

Send your application materials to:
millerjgc@si.edu

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Period of Internship: The internship will start on or about June 15th, 2022 and continue for a minimum of 6 weeks and a maximum of 8 weeks; accordingly the internship will end sometime after July 31st and on or before August 10th.

Administration: The internship is administered by the leadership of Youth Diving With a Purpose. YDWP will appoint an internship coordinator who will have ultimate responsibility for your schedule, tasks, requirements, and any other administrative details. The day-to-day internship coordinator will be Joshua Marano, Park Archeologist at Biscayne National Park. Additional coordination and mentorship will be provided by Slave Wrecks Project staff Gabrielle Miller at the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture. Funding for this internship is provided by the Slave Wrecks Project at the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture and will be administered through Diving with a Purpose (DWP). Professionals from the National Park Service's Submerged Resources Center (SRC) are available to assist with additional project planning, logistics and administration.

Stipend: The internship is supported by a stipend of \$850 per week, payable via the project coordinator at DWP in allotments yet to be decided. Semi-private accommodations will be provided at Everglades National Park, no more than two interns may be required to share a two-bedroom unit. No more than one car may be provided if resources allow, but interns are encouraged to bring their own vehicle if available (area is very car dependent and ride-share/public transportation options are extremely limited/non-existent). Food and other incidental expenses are expected to be the responsibility of the intern(s).



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Requirements: Interns will need to acquire, or already have a scientific diver certification from a diving program in good standing with AAUS, the American Academy of Underwater Sciences and interns will dive as a reciprocity diver through the National Association of Black Scuba Divers scientific diving program. It is preferred that you have or obtain a Nitrox certification as well. In addition to AAUS certification, interns will need:

1. Current Diving Fitness Medical Evaluation Report (FM-4 Appendix II) or equivalent approved by a licensed physician. Medical examinations are required every three years until age 60 and every two years thereafter unless a more frequent interval is required by a licensed physician.
2. Dive log review by the NPS Regional Dive Officer or designee.
3. Presentation of nationally or internationally recognized diving certification.
4. In-water dive evaluation with Park Dive Officer, Dive Examiner, or qualified designee.
5. Completion of any other requirements deemed necessary by RDO, PDO, or qualified designee, for specific conditions.
6. A signed NPS Liability Acknowledgement & Release (Diving).
7. Your own diving equipment (weights, tanks and fills of either air or EANx [preferred] will be provided).

Expectations: The intern(s) will be present at Biscayne National Park as a representative of DWP, SWP, and SRC and are therefore expected to be courteous, professional, and engaged throughout the course of the internship. Interns are expected to adhere to all NPS and Biscayne policies and procedures during the internship. Work hours will likely be long and unscheduled to take advantage of good weather offshore, therefore daily hours may fluctuate, but the entire duration of the project will average 40 hrs/wk. The work of underwater archeology can be hot, hard, tiring and, occasionally hazardous. Interns will be expected to operate with safety as the first and foremost concern. If interns cannot meet the expectations for safety and/or professionalism, NPS will coordinate with Smithsonian and YDWP to terminate the internship early.

COVID-19/Other Contingencies: If there is an unforeseen outbreak of COVID or a large weather event such as a hurricane we may need to modify the dates of the internship and/or end the internship earlier than anticipated. If the internship cannot be completed in the timeframe intended, coordinators will work with interns to schedule it at some future point in time.

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Deliverables: Interns will be asked to keep a field notebook in addition to other notes and recording of the work to submit as part of the field season record. At the conclusion of the internship interns will be asked to debrief their experience so that we can make it better for future interns. If interns find a topic of investigation while at Biscayne National Park that they would like to pursue as either a thesis topic or a journal article, coordinators will work the intern to help make that happen. Intern social media posts are encouraged during the internship, but we do expect them to reflect well on NMAAHC, NPS and YDWP, and to also be professional. Two weeks of this internship will also involve acting as a mentor and role model for young people involved in the Youth Diving With a Purpose Program, during their fieldwork at Biscayne National Park in July 2023.

How to Apply: Interested applicants should send an email to millergc@si.edu with the following information:

1. A statement of interest and intent for the internship.
2. CV or Résumé
3. Current status in the field of archeology or a related discipline (in graduate school, recently finished graduate school etc.).
4. Current diving qualifications, and anticipated training with forecasted completion dates
5. The names and contact information for at least two references.

Additional Questions: If you have additional questions or need more information, please feel free to contact Gabrielle Miller or Jay Haigler (millergc@si.edu / jay.haigler@divingwithapurpose.org) for administrative questions, and/or Josh Marano (joshua.marano@nps.gov) for operational/project questions.

Application Deadline | May 2nd, 2023