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FAU's Harbor Branch to Host Interns for Summer Projects

BOCA RATON, FL (May 26, 2011) – Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute at Florida Atlantic University will host a group of 18 interns throughout the summer who will have the opportunity to carry out research projects in aquaculture, marine natural products chemistry, ocean engineering, coral reef ecology and marine biology. For the next 10 weeks, each student will work with a Harbor Branch faculty mentor to devise, develop and complete an independent research or development project. At the end of the internship, each intern is required to produce a written report and give an oral presentation before the Harbor Branch faculty.

FAU students are represented among the group that also includes students from the Florida Institute of Technology, University of Florida, University of South Florida, Nova Southeastern University, Rollins College, Emory University, Duke University, Dickenson College, Wesleyan University, Notre Dame University, Stony Brook University and Colorado State University.

Now in its 38th year, the summer intern program is funded primarily by the Link Foundation, which was founded by Edwin A. Link, famed inventor and central figure in Harbor Branch's early development, and wife Marion C. Link. Through the Foundation, the Links established the program to give young minds "an opportunity to develop their own genius." Long-time support for the program also comes from the Gertrude E. Skelly Charitable Foundation, which funds interns selected to work with the Harbor Branch drug discovery and biotechnology group.

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About Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute:

Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute at Florida Atlantic University is a research institute dedicated to exploration, innovation, conservation and education related to the oceans. Harbor Branch was founded in 1971 as a private non-profit organization. In December 2007, Harbor Branch joined Florida Atlantic University. The institute specializes in ocean engineering, at-sea operations, drug discovery and biotechnology from the oceans, coastal ecology and conservation, marine mammal research and conservation, aquaculture, and marine education. For more information, visit www.hboi.fau.edu.

About Florida Atlantic University:

Florida Atlantic University, established in 1961, officially opened its doors in 1964 as the fifth public university in Florida. In commemoration of its origin, FAU is celebrating its 50th anniversary throughout 2011. Today, the University serves more than 28,000 undergraduate and graduate students on seven campuses and sites. FAU's world-class teaching and research faculty serves students through 10 colleges: the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts & Letters, the College of Business, the College for Design and Social Inquiry, the College of Education, the College of Engineering & Computer Science, the Graduate College, the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine, the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing and the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science. FAU is ranked as a High Research Activity institution by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. For more information, visit www.fau.edu.