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Harbor Branch at FAU Receives \$48,000 Gift from Link Foundation

FORT PIERCE, FL (May 14, 2009) — Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute at Florida Atlantic University has received a \$48,000 gift from the Link Foundation in Binghamton, New York. The gift, administered through the FAU Foundation, will fund 13 competitively-awarded positions in the 2009 Harbor Branch Summer Internship Program.

Harbor Branch at FAU coordinates the program and reviews applications from graduate and undergraduate students from around the world. Each recipient is mentored by a Harbor Branch scientist or engineer on a research project for 10 weeks, beginning on Tuesday, May 26. The interns then produce written reports demonstrating the work completed. The culminating event of the summer is when each intern delivers an oral presentation of their research. These presentations, which are open to the public, will be held at Harbor Branch's Johnson Education Center on Thursday, July 30. More than 450 students have participated in the program since 1974 and many have gone on to outstanding scientific careers.

The Link Foundation was established in 1953 by Edwin A. (1904-1981) and Marion C. (1907-1995) Link. The Foundation supports the Links' ideals and funds academic programs in simulation and training, energy resources development and conservation, and ocean engineering and instrumentation.

The Harbor Branch Internship program is open to additional named sponsors. For more information, contact the HBOI Development Office at 772-465-2400, ext. 204.

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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. Florida Atlantic University opened its doors in 1964 as the fifth public university in Florida. Today, the University serves more than 26,000 undergraduate and graduate students on seven campuses strategically located along 150 miles of Florida's southeastern coastline. Building on its rich tradition as a teaching university, FAU maintains a world-class faculty and is comprised of ten specialized colleges. For more information, please visit: <http://www.hboi.fau.edu>

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