Founded in 1971, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute at Florida Atlantic University is a research community of marine scientists, engineers, educators and other professionals focused on Ocean Science for a Better World. The institute drives innovation in ocean engineering, at-sea operations, marine drug discovery and biotechnology, coastal ecology and conservation, marine mammal research and conservation, aquaculture, ocean observing systems and marine science education. The 144-acre FAU Harbor Branch site is located on the Indian River Lagoon in northern St. Lucie County, Florida. In 2007, Harbor Branch joined Florida Atlantic University after more than 35 years as a not-for-profit research organization, becoming a part of a state university that spans 150 miles of Florida coastline.
Secondary and Post-Secondary Education

- FAU graduate courses unique to Harbor Branch’s areas of specialization
- Semester-by-the-Sea: FAU undergraduate program
- Postdoctoral fellowship program
- Harbor Branch Summer Intern Program
- Visiting post-secondary (non-FAU) classes
- Indian River State College Aquaculture certification
- Fort Pierce Westwood High School Marine & Oceanographic Academy
- Lincoln Park Academy Harborside Program
- NOAA National Ocean Science Bowl
- Teacher workshops

Public Education, Outreach and Training

- Ocean Science Lecture Series
- Friends of Harbor Branch programming
- Ocean Discovery Center
- Annual Indian River Lagoon Symposium and Community Forum
- Aquaculture Center for Training, Education and Demonstration
- Marine Science Education field trips for schools and home schools

Fast Facts

- 40+ Years of Research
- 144 Acres
- 32 Buildings
- 140 Faculty and Staff