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Each year, more than 200 students nationwide apply to take part in the internship program at Whitney Laboratory. This year's interns include Noah Sanders from the University of South Florida, Hannah Weber from Transylvania University, Kaley Dean from San Francisco State University, Claudia Cabrera from the University of Miami, Namrata Ahuja from Mount Holyoke College, Lauren Lubuck from Brown University, Stephanie Neal from the University of Miami and Logan Campbell from the University of Tennessee. The interns arrived on May 30, and will stay until Aug. 8.

TRAINING TOMORROW'S BIOLOGISTS

» Whitney Laboratory program has been welcoming summer interns for 30 years

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This summer marks the 30th year that the University of Florida Whitney Laboratory for Marine Bioscience has welcomed interns for its Research Experiences for Undergraduates program, funded by the National Science Foundation.

The current program offers eight students the opportunity to explore the career of scientific research at Whitney Laboratory for 10 weeks during the summer. Throughout the past 30 years, more than 300 students have participated in the program, which is one of the oldest, continuously run programs of its kind in the country.

"For 10 weeks every summer we have an enthusiastic group of young scientists eager to explore their interests," said Elaine Seaver, profes-

About Whitney Laboratory for Marine Bioscience

Whitney Laboratory is a biomedical marine research institute of the University of Florida. It is composed of nine faculty-led laboratories that use marine organisms for basic biological research that can be applied to human health, or increases our understanding of local natural resources. Whitney Laboratory provides training for future experimental biologists, education programs for kindergarten through university-level students and monthly lectures for the general public. Whitney Laboratory also features a Sea Turtle Hospital, which promotes ocean awareness and conservation through sea turtle rehabilitation, research and education.

Whitney Laboratory is located at 9505 Ocean Shore Blvd. on the border of Flagler and St. Johns counties. For information, call 461-4000 or go to whitney.ufl.edu.

sor of biology at Whitney Laboratory and the program's director since 2014. "For many interns, it is their first primary research experience and, during the program, there is often a dramatic transition as we guide the interns toward an

increasing level of independence in conducting their experiments."

Throughout the summer, each student works with a Whitney Laboratory research team on a project of interest to the student, in an intensive, hands-on research

experience in laboratory and field settings. Students take part in development workshops, field trips that explore Florida's diverse aquatic ecosystems and research symposiums. They also receive training in scientific communications and ethics.

The interns are exposed to new technologies that are continuously changing. While the Whitney Laboratory Research Experiences for Undergraduates program was established in 1987 through the National Science Foundation, for two years prior, Whitney Laboratory organized a summer research internship program that became the backbone of the successful internship program today. Last year, Whitney Laboratory received a five-year grant from the National Science Foundation to continue to fund the program.