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.
About FAU Harbor Branch

Primary Research Areas

- Aquaculture & Stock Enhancement
- Marine Biomedicine & Biotechnology
- Indian River Lagoon Observatory
- Coral Reef Health & Conservation
- Optics & Underwater Imaging
- Marine Mammal Research and Conservation
- Marine Ecosystem Health
- Ocean Engineering
- Population Biology & Behavioral Ecology
- Harmful Algal Blooms
- Ocean Dynamics & Modeling
- NOAA Cooperative Institute for Ocean Exploration, Research and Technology (CIOERT)

Education & Outreach

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
- Ocean Discovery Center
- Annual Indian River Lagoon Symposium and Community Forum
- Aquaculture Center for Training, Education and Demonstration
- Indian River Land Trust Junior Scientist Fellows Program
- Marine Science Education field trips for schools and home schools

40+ Years of Research

144 Acres

32 Buildings

140 Faculty and Staff

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