Florida Atlantic University’s Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute is located in Fort Pierce on the Atlantic Coast. As one of the nation’s premier oceanographic centers, FAU Harbor Branch’s research community of approximately 200 ocean scientists, staff and students drives innovation in: marine science and engineering; conservation of coral reefs, studies of marine mammals and fisheries; marine drug discovery; estuarine and coastal ecology and observation; ocean dynamics and modeling; aquaculture and marine science education. Harbor Branch engages with the community through the Ocean Discovery Visitor’s Center and the Ocean Science Lecture Series. Harbor Branch’s research and outreach programs translate marine science products to provide solutions that improve economies and quality of life for coastal communities.
Fast Facts

- 45+ Years of Research
- 144 Acres
- 32 Buildings
- 200 Faculty, Staff & Students

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
- Fisheries & Conservation
- Ocean Engineering & Technology
- Population Biology & Behavioral Ecology
- Harmful Algal Blooms
- Ocean Dynamics & Modeling
- NOAA Cooperative Institute for Ocean Exploration, Research and Technology (CIOERT)

Education & Public Outreach

Secondary and Post-Secondary Education

- Master of Science in Marine Science & Oceanography
- Semester-by-the-Sea: FAU undergraduate program
- Postdoctoral investigators
- Harbor Branch Summer Intern Program
- Indian River State College Aquaculture certification
- Westwood High School Marine & Oceanographic Academy
- Indian River Land Trust Junior Scientist Fellows Program
- Lincoln Park Academy Harborside Program
- NOAA National Ocean Science Bowl

Discover Harbor Branch through Mission: Ocean Discovery

- Ocean Discovery Visitor’s Center
- Ocean Science Lecture Series
- Immersion Tours
- Marine Science Fridays
- Annual Indian River Lagoon Symposium and Community Forum
- Aquaculture Center for Training, Education and Demonstration
- Marine Science Education activities

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