

HARBOR BRANCH

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY JUNIOR SCIENTIST FELLOWS PROGRAM

A collaboration of FAU's Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute and the Indian River Land Trust

"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children." — Chief Seattle (1854)

Two organizations, which have both spent decades working as good stewards of the Indian River Lagoon, have joined forces to establish an innovative program that combines science with education of the next generation. FAU's Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute and the Indian River Land Trust are engaging a group of local high school students in scientific research to manage waterfront properties and habitats along the lagoon in Indian River County. Students will be contributing to the critical data that is necessary in addressing the health of the lagoon – one of the most biodiverse estuaries in the nation.



Junior Scientist Fellows will:

- Learn about conservation of land and environmental issues facing the Indian River Lagoon through field and laboratory activities, informal lectures, and discussions
- Conduct team research projects on the Land Trust's 185-acre Coastal Oaks Preserve comprised of ancient oak hammocks, tidal creeks and a mangrove forest
- Be mentored by FAU Harbor Branch scientists in the development and execution of their projects
- Understand and know how to provide solutions to environmental problems in our community
- Contribute to strategies under development by the Land Trust for management of its lands

Your support is needed! Charitable donations are necessary to cover the costs associated with the program and ensure its future.

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