

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCES FOR UNDERGRADUATES (REU)



# Shannon Point Marine Center

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### PROGRAM

The Shannon Point Marine Center's (SPMC) Research Experiences for Undergraduates program will support guided, independent research on the part of eight undergraduate students in 2026. Participants will spend nine weeks at SPMC conducting original research with a faculty adviser, participating in professional development activities, and engaging in outreach events. Students work with faculty mentors to complete supervised research and develop written and oral reports at the conclusion of the program. Research themes may include productivity and nutrient cycling in marine environments, molecular ecology and invertebrate genomics, ecology and physiology of seagrasses, restoration ecology, ecotoxicology in marine fishes, or deep-sea larval ecology. Student support includes a \$6,300 stipend plus a \$675 food allowance, a travel allowance, and housing at SPMC for the nine-week session (June 16 - August 14). Information about the program and SPMC is available at <http://sPMC.wvu.edu/REU>.

### FACILITIES

SPMC is located in Anacortes, Washington, 90 miles north of Seattle, Washington, and an equal distance south of Vancouver, British Columbia. The 87-acre campus includes teaching-research laboratories, research vessels, and a dormitory with kitchen facilities available for food preparation. Located on the mainland, the Shannon Point Marine Center offers easy access to marine and coastal environments of the Salish Sea, as well as the alpine environments of the Cascade Mountains and the Olympic Peninsula.

### HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, or permanent residents of the U.S. and must be enrolled in a 2- or 4-year institution of higher education. Students who have received a bachelor's degree before the program start date are ineligible. Continuing SPMC's long-standing tradition, we strongly encourage applications from individuals who may not have had prior research opportunities. Applications are welcome from students at any stage of their undergraduate degree program. Applications must be submitted through the NSF ETAP portal at <https://etap.nsf.gov/award/7336/opportunity/11365> by February 10, 2026. Questions can be addressed to [sPMC@wvu.edu](mailto:sPMC@wvu.edu).

All students who are offered a position at this REU Site have until March 15th or later to accept or reject the offer. Any student who is asked to accept or reject an offer prior to March 15th should contact the Division of Ocean Science's REU Program Director at 703-292-7709. NSF does not handle REU applications; please contact each REU site directly for application information.

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