



SBC LTER Research Education for Undergraduates (REU) and Hourly Position Application 2026

*****Please submit application to Clint Nelson (scubaclint@ucsb.edu) on or before Tuesday March 31st*****

*****Results will be administered by Monday April 13th*****

Contact Clint Nelson or Nick Jarymowycz (njarymowycz@ucsb.edu) with any questions.

The REU positions are full-time that require availability Monday-Friday 7:00am - 5:00pm. Undergraduates will work 40+ hours per week. For students that are not AAUS certified or have limited summer availability, paid hourly positions may also be available. We will be hiring 3-6 students for Summer 2026.

Duties: Successful applicants will assist the SBC LTER project in its investigations on the patterns and controls of community structure and primary production in giant kelp forests. Specific duties will include: (1) assisting LTER staff and graduate students with subtidal and laboratory research projects, (2) Surveying common kelp forest algae and invertebrates using SCUBA, (3) small boat collection and laboratory processing of seawater samples obtained for analysis, (4) laboratory processing of kelp tissue samples in preparation for chemical analyses, (5) computer entry and quality assurance of project data, (6) microscopy identification of invertebrates and algae, and (7) downloading and processing of oceanographic instrument data.

REU Internship Requirements: (1) AAUS scientific diving certification with 'active' status, (2) Enrollment in undergraduate coursework for Fall 2026, (3) Ability to lift heavy objects & to endure the physical demands of an ambitious diving schedule, (4) Ability to adapt to a variable work schedule: 10 hour days, and occasional weekends, (5) Commitment to work over the entire summer starting **June 22nd, 2026** and ending **September 18th, 2026**, (6) Comfortable spending long days on a small boat in variable weather conditions without getting seasick, (7) U.S. citizen, and (8) Minimum GPA of 3.0.

Compensation: Successful REU applicants receive a substantial stipend equivalent to full time pay over the duration of the program divided into three, monthly allotments. Part-time hourly employees are compensated \$16.90/hour and are expected to work 10-20 hours per week. Students will be responsible for paying federal taxes on this income.

Applicants with no previous SBC LTER lab experience are encouraged to submit supplemental materials. For these applicants' resumes, CV's or personal references will be helpful in determining a student's degree of qualification for participation in the REU program.



Name:

Current Cumulative G.P.A:

Expected Graduation Date:

Phone number:

Email:

Are you a financial aid recipient? Yes / No / Decline to Answer

Are you from an underrepresented group? Yes / No / Decline to Answer

Are you interested in the REU internship? Yes / No

Are you interested in an hourly position? Yes / No

1a. REU applicants, please look over the ‘requirements’ section. Do any of these represent a problem for you? (This includes planned summer vacation dates or summer school). If so, please list which requirement(s) or dates and explain why.

1b. Hourly position applicants, please describe your summer availability here (including other employment, summer classes or planned vacations).

2. Why do you want to participate in the SBC LTER REU program, how do you envision fitting into the program, and what do you hope to gain from this experience?

3. What kind of people do you have trouble interacting with? How do you deal with them?

4. Should you get hired, what do you think would be most challenging in this role?

5. Give an example of a time that you faced an obstacle while in the workplace and how did you overcome it.

6. Why are you the best applicant for this position?

7. Please attach a resume or description of any relevant coursework/volunteer experiences in your past that are applicable to this internship (i.e. species identification or computer and laboratory skills).