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# MIMSUP 2007

Multicultural Initiative in the Marine Sciences: Undergraduate Participation



The Shannon Point Marine Center (SPMC) invites applications for MIMSUP, an innovative program designed to increase diversity within the next generation of marine scientists. Participants receive intensive training in the marine sciences and in the professional opportunities available to those who choose this career path. Applications are encouraged, in particular, from U.S. citizens belonging to groups currently underrepresented in the marine sciences (i.e., African Americans, Latino/Hispanics, Alaskan Natives, Native Americans or Native Pacific Islanders).




Selected students spend two quarters (January 9 - June 15) at the Shannon Point Marine Center taking introductory and specialized courses in the marine sciences (31 quarter credit hours), attending seminars and workshops, exploring career opportunities, and engaging in supervised research. They also attend an international scientific meeting. After the program, students return to their home institutions to complete their undergraduate programs.

## LOCATION

The Shannon Point Marine Center is a facility of Western Washington University located in Anacortes, Washington approximately 45 miles from the main campus. SPMC offers access to marine and coastal environments typical of the Pacific Northwest, as well as the alpine environments of the Cascade Mountains and the Olympic Peninsula. The facility is 90 miles north of Seattle, Washington and an equal distance south of Vancouver, B.C.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT




Funding from the National Science Foundation covers all tuition and fees for two quarters, housing in the SPMC dormitory, one round trip between the participant's residence and SPMC and a \$3025 work-study allowance to help defray other costs for the duration of the program.

## HOW TO APPLY



Applicants must be in an academic program leading to a bachelor's degree. A complete application includes an online form (<http://www.wvu.edu/~mimsup>), a statement of the student's interests and goals, a transcript and a letter of recommendation from a faculty member familiar with the student's academic record. Application deadline is November 15, 2006. WWU is an affirmative action, equal opportunity institution.



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