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NSF Undergraduate Research Assistant
Vantuna Research Group

Fall 2019

Position Summary:
The Vantuna Research Group is seeking an undergraduate student to assist with our NSF-funded project to improve and digitize our marine biodiversity collection. We have a large collection of marine fish, invertebrate, and algae specimens, most of which were collected from nearby coastal regions over the last 50 years. We are in the process of curating the specimens and creating an online database for the collection. Our lab researches nearshore marine ecosystems throughout the Southern California Bight and works on a variety of studies including MPA research, rocky reef restoration, NPDES monitoring, and long-term monitoring of rocky reefs. Occasional opportunities to participate in other projects and boat-based field research will also be offered.

Duties/Responsibilities:
- Organizing specimens and associated data
- Data entry and database management in Microsoft Excel
- Curating specimens
- Following laboratory safety protocols
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications/Preferences:
- Experience working in a research laboratory or completion of a laboratory science course at Occidental
- Experience with Microsoft Office Suite
- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail
- Ability to work independently on assigned projects

Start Date: ASAP
End Date: May 9, 2020
Work Schedule: Flexible, any hours between 8pm – 5pm on weekdays; up to 10 hrs per week
Starting Pay Rate: $14.25/Hour

To apply, please submit a CV and cover letter to zscholz@oxy.edu. Questions about the position can also be sent to zscholz@oxy.edu.