

2019 REU Opportunities at the Virginia Coast Reserve LTER

National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) positions are available with the Virginia Coast Reserve Long-Term Ecological Research (VCR-LTER) program for summer 2019. VCR-LTER researchers study patterns and mechanisms of ecosystem function, connectivity, and state changes in the coastal barrier system – from mainland marshes to intertidal and subtidal bay habitats and barrier islands. Potential REU projects range from sediment and plant dynamics to marine fauna responses to seagrass and oyster reef restoration. REUs also help collect data for ongoing long-term field projects. REUs spend the summer in a thriving research community; the VCR-LTER is based in the village of Oyster on Virginia's Eastern Shore – one of the last coastal wildernesses on the east coast. The 10-week program begins the first week of June. REUs are provided a stipend plus on-site lodging and research support administered through the University of Virginia. More information about VCR-LTER research initiatives and potential advisers can be found in Research Highlights at www.vcrlter.virginia.edu. Specific project opportunities will be available in mid-January on the VCR LTER website (www.vcrlter.virginia.edu). Applicants are also encouraged to contact potential mentors directly. Applications are due February 1st and decisions will be made no later than March 1st. A resume and letter of interest should be sent to the Site Director, Cora Johnston, at coraj@virginia.edu. Please include "VCR REU Application" in the subject line.

