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Global Climate Change, Research Focus of Undergraduate Summer Program in Woods Hole

Six science institutions offer diversity program on Cape Cod

The Partnership Education Program (PEP), a project of a consortium of six science institutions in Woods Hole, Mass., is seeking applicants for a 10-week summer program that combines undergraduate course work with research in marine and environmental science. Launched in 2009, PEP is an ongoing diversity program designed to recruit talent from minority groups that are under-represented in marine and environmental sciences. The 2013 PEP program will run May 31 through August 10.

PEP is designed for college students, with priority given to entering juniors and seniors, majoring in the natural sciences (biology, chemistry, physics and mathematics, engineering, or geosciences and earth system sciences) who have had some course work in oceanography, biology, or marine and/or environmental science. In addition to a four-week course at the beginning of the program and research internships lasting six to ten weeks, PEP students participate in seminars, workshops, field trips and at-sea experiences, career development activities, and attend lectures at participating science institutions throughout the summer.

The PEP course is offered for credit through University of Maryland Eastern Shore and taught in Woods Hole by research scientists from Woods Hole science institutions. The 2013 course, "Ocean and Environmental Sciences: Global Climate Change," runs from June 3 to July 5. PEP students will also conduct research projects through August 9 that employ some of the techniques and explore some of the issues presented in the course. At the end of the summer, the students will present results from their research in a 20-minute public presentation during a one-day PEP seminar.

The 2013 program will cover the cost of tuition, travel, room and board, and provide a stipend. Students who apply by February 15 will have priority for admissions and financial support. Application information and reports on the 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 programs are available on the Woods Hole PEP website (<http://www.woodsholediversity.org/pep/>). The 2013 PEP Class will be announced by March 15.

PEP welcomes applications from students of all backgrounds. Students from groups under-represented in marine and environmental sciences are especially encouraged to apply – this includes African American, Hispanic American, Native American, Asian Pacific Island, and Alaska Native students.

PEP is a project of the Woods Hole Diversity Initiative. Participating institutions are: NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service, Sea Education Association, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, U. S. Geological Survey, Marine Biological Laboratory, and Woods Hole Research Center. The Woods Hole Diversity Initiative's primary academic partner is the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

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