THE HALMOS COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AT NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY *AND*

DISCOVER EDEN CONSERVATION ECOLOGY PROGRAM

# SUMMER 2026 BIOLOGY STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

THIS FORM MUST BE NEATLY TYPED. (DO NOT TYPE ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF ANY FORMS).**Note: Save this Word document to your computer first and then complete it. ALL FINAL APPLICATION MATERIALS (ELECTRONIC COPIES) MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN November 3, 2025!**

**Submit ALL MATERIALS to: Dr. Deanne Roopnarine; Office: Parker 352; TEL: (954) 262-8196; Email: roopnari@nova.edu**

## Section I: Description of Program

The Halmos College of Arts and Sciences at Nova Southeastern University provides foundational study in core and emerging disciplines and technologies to prepare students for graduate and professional study, career development, and responsible citizenship. The College highly values our partnership with the ecological/conservation researchers of Discover Eden.

The Discover Eden Conservation Ecology Program of South Africa conducts programs where students meet and work with professionals in the field. The program is a combination of lectures and fieldwork where participants work alongside other students from across the world and the scientists contributing to Discover Eden. Through the program, students assess goals related to careers in conservation and ecology.

The benefits of this program are as follows:

* To foster intercampus and inter-institutional collaborative relationships on an international level
* To educate and train students in the future stewardship of the planet
* To provide students with a worldview of conservation

This collaborative venture with our partner will help to meet the needs of our national and international communities through basic science and academic training.

**Participant Eligibility.** Any individual desiring to participate must be a returning registered student for Fall 2026. Other criteria include: an overall GPA of 3.0. Candidates must submit an application inclusive of a written statement discussing the reason(s) why participation is desired, and an Official University Transcript of Grades or equivalent Capp report. Two letters of recommendation must also be included: one of which must be from an NSU faculty member. All application materials must be received by Dr. Roopnarine no later than **November 3, 2025.** The timeline follows below.

**Timeline Summary**

Tuesday, September 23rd, 2025 Summer 2026 Application Process Begins

Monday, November 3rd, 2025 Summer 2026 Application Deadline

November 10th -13th, 2025 The qualified candidates are interviewed

Monday, November 17th, 2025 Proposed recommendations are made to the Dean and to the biology department chair

Friday, November 21st, 2025 The confirmed Awardees will be informed of their selection

Monday, December 1st, 2025. Awardees’ deadline to notify in writing accepting their internship program by signing a contract.

Wednesday, April 17th, 2026 Awardees must satisfactorily complete all requirements including travel documents in preparation for the summer internship.

June 2026 Summer Internship begins. Student interns communicate regularly with their NSU faculty mentor

July, 2026 Summer Internship Ends

July 2026 Summer Interns complete all requirements and turn in assignments for grading to their NSU Faculty Mentor

Fall, 2026 Summer Interns do presentations of their summer internship experience to students, faculty and staff

**Length & Location of Internship.** The internship is a part of the Discover Eden Conservation Ecology Program located in South Africa. The internship dates are usually in the month of June.

1. **Course Credit.** Awardees of internships will be required to register for a total of 3 credits of BIOL 4950 (Internship in Biology) at Nova Southeastern University during Fall 2026. The awardee must maintain a “daily journal”; write a reflective paper and turn in all required assignments by July 2026. The paper will be critically reviewed and graded by their assigned NSU Faculty Mentor for a final assignment of course grade.

The Awardee shall be required to give a presentation of their internship/research experience to faculty and students at Nova Southeastern University upon their return to campus in the Fall of 2026.

## Section II: Personal Identification Information

Prefix:   Mr.

Mrs.

Ms.

Miss.

**Please, attach your photograph here (required).**

Name:                 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(last) (first) (middle)

Address:

(number) (street)

(city) (state) (zip code)

Date of Birth:         Age:

Telephone:         Telephone:

(primary) (area code) (number) (cell) (area code) (number)

Email:

NSU Student N#:

*(Required)*

## Section III: Demographic Information

*This information is kept for statistical reporting and possible reporting in compliance with the EEO/AAA requirements. Your responses are voluntary, and your cooperation in providing this information is appreciated.*

*Race/Ethnicity: (Please choose the category that best describes you).*

**American Indian or Alaska Native** (People having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America, including Central America, and who maintain tribal affiliation or community attachment

**Asian** (Person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.)

**African American/Black** (A person having origins in the black racial groups of Africa.)

**Hispanic or Latino** (Persons of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture of origin, regardless of race.)

**Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander** (Persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.)

**White/Caucasian of Non-Hispanic Origin** (Persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, Middle Ease or North Africa.)

**Multiracial/Other**

faculty member (specify

a promotional flyer

*I was made aware of this opportunity from:*  an advertisement

Other (specify:

## Section IV: Emergency CONTACT INFORMATION

*In the event of an injury or emergency, contact the individuals (2 are required) listed below in the following order:*

***First:***

Prefix:  Dr.  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.  Miss.

Name:                 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(last) (first) (middle)

Address:

(number) (street)

(city) (state) (zip code)

Telephone:         Telephone:

(primary) (area code) (number) (cell) (area code) (number)

Relationship:

***Second:***

Prefix:  Dr.  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.  Miss.

Name:                 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Relationship:

## Section V: Medical Insurance

*You will be requested to show proof of insurance at the time of your participation in this program.*

Insurance Carrier:          (company name)

Policy No. or Group I.D. No.

Address:

Telephone:

(area code) (number)

By placing an "X" in the box at the right, you certify that

your medical (i.e., health) insurance coverage is current.  My Coverage is Current.

*This information will be kept confidential and only released to medical personnel who would treat you if injured during this program.*

## Section VI: Education

**[This information is required.]**

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1. **Awards and Honors.** List in reverse chronological order previous positions, any honors, certifications, awards, recognitions or memberships.
2. **Selected publications, abstracts and/or presentations (most recent first).** Do not include publications submitted or in preparation.
3. **Unique Experiences that you feel make you qualified for this program.**
4. **What is your Major and what are the upper-level classes you have taken thus far?**
5. **Have you ever spent time abroad in another culture? Explain.**

**Section VII: Employment history**

*Please, list most recent first.*

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## Section VIII: References

*Please, list two individuals from whom letters of recommendation will be received, one of whom must be an HCAS faculty member.*

*Letters will be received from:*

***First:***

Prefix:  Dr.  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.  Miss.

Name:

(last) (first) (middle)

Title:        Relationship:

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Name:

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## Section IX: Personal Statement

*In no more than 500 words, discuss your reasons for participation in the Discover Eden Conservation Ecology Program Student Internship Program.* **[Required. This can be attached separately.]**

## Section X: Check-Off List

GPA requirement met

Transcript (OFFICIAL NEEDED)

2 letters of recommendation

Photograph

Proof of medical insurance

Personal statement

Completion of all pertinent sections

## Section XI: Final Attestation Statement

*By placing your signature in the space provided below, you certify that all of the information you provided is true and accurate, that you will abide by the Student Handbook and Student Code of Conduct, and that you will be registered for classes for the Fall 2025 semester.*

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Signature Date