E/V Nautilus Education Opportunities

The Nautilus Exploration Program
The Nautilus Exploration Program was founded in 2008 by Dr. Robert Ballard and is conducted by the Ocean Exploration Trust. Our international program centers on scientific exploration of the seafloor launched from aboard the Exploration Vessel (E/V) Nautilus, a 64-meter research vessel. In addition to conducting scientific research, the Nautilus Exploration Program offers its expeditions to explorers on shore via live video, audio, and data feeds from the ship. We also bring educators and students of all ages aboard E/V Nautilus during expeditions, offering them hands-on experience in ocean exploration, research, and communications.

Our Goals
- To explore areas of the ocean that have never been explored before, seeking out new discoveries in the fields of geology, biology, maritime history, archaeology, and chemistry
- To conduct all scientific research to the highest international academic standard
- To push the boundaries of ocean engineering, technology, education, and communications
- To share our expeditions with explorers around the world via live telepresence
- To serve as role models for the next generation of scientists, engineers, and educators
- To spread the excitement of ocean exploration and turn everyday viewers into explorers

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The Nautilus Corps of Exploration
The international Nautilus Corps of Exploration consists of scientists, engineers, communicators, educators and students. Our primary objective is to explore the ocean seeking out new discoveries in the fields of geology, biology, maritime history, archaeology, and chemistry while pushing the boundaries of engineering, technology, education and communications. We aim to share our story and our science with explorers around the world from aboard E/V Nautilus; and we aspire to serve as STEM role models for the next generation of scientists, engineers and educators.

The Nautilus 2013 Expedition Season
Scientists aboard Nautilus will explore geological, archaeological, and biological aspects of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea in 2013 using multibeam sonar, remotely operated vehicles, and telepresence technology. The 2013 Nautilus Exploration Program season will be roughly four months in the field, including an expedition during the summer, and an expedition in the fall. The Ocean Exploration Trust, which conducts the Nautilus Exploration Program, will announce ports of call and waters to be explored in February 2013.

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Program Descriptions

The *Nautilus* Exploration Program provides multiple opportunities for hands-on experience aboard E/V *Nautilus* and at the University of Rhode Island. Our Honors Research Program is available to junior and senior high school students for an authentic research experience both at sea and ashore. Various at-sea internships in science and engineering are available for undergraduate and graduate students. Our Educator at Sea Program is available for formal and informal educators interested in science communications. Selected applicants become members of our Corps of Exploration for 2013 and most will have the opportunity to work aboard *Nautilus* for a 2-4 week period. All participants engage in education and outreach activities.

**Honors Research Program** - *see HRP Packet for details*
*Applicants:* High school students who are U.S. citizens. Must at least 16 years old and have completed junior year of high school at time of participation. Program is for rising seniors.
*Commitment:* 7 weeks on shore, ~1-2 weeks of which will be spent at sea (sea-time not required)

**Ocean Science Internships** - *see Intern Packet for details*
*Applicants:* Undergraduate and graduate students studying oceanography, including biology, geology, and archaeology, or related fields. Spring 2013 graduates are eligible to apply.
*Commitment:* 2-4 weeks at sea

**Seafloor Mapping Internships** - *see Intern Packet for details*
*Applicants:* Undergraduate and graduate students with interest in seafloor mapping and ocean exploration. Spring 2013 graduates are eligible to apply.
*Commitment:* 2-4 weeks at sea

**Video Engineering & Filmmaking Internships** - *see Intern Packet for details*
*Applicants:* Undergraduate and graduate students with interest in video engineering and/or filmmaking. Spring 2013 graduates are eligible to apply.
*Commitment:* 2-4 weeks at sea

**ROV Engineering Internships** - *see Intern Packet for details*
*Applicants:* Undergraduate and graduate students with interest in ocean, mechanical, or electrical engineering, or a related field. Spring 2013 graduates are eligible to apply.
*Commitment:* ~4-5 weeks at sea

**Educator at Sea Program** - *see EAS Packet for details*
*Applicants:* Formal and informal educators associated with a school or informal education venue.
*Commitment:* 2-4 weeks at sea, plus a required 4-day communications workshop in Rhode Island.
Exploration Vessel Nautilus

E/V Nautilus is a 64-meter exploration vessel with 17 permanent crew and berthing for a 31-member rotating Corps of Exploration. The ship carries with it two Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs) named Hercules and Argus that explore the seafloor in real-time online via our telepresence technology. A new hulled-mounted multibeam system will be installed during winter 2013. The ship also has a Data Lab and Wet Lab for processing digital data and physical samples. As part of our effort to share our expeditions with students and colleagues, we stream video from our ROVs and various locations on the ship live on our website www.nautiluslive.org.

Living conditions for our Corps of Explorers on EV Nautilus consist of shared rooms with bunk beds and some accommodations require shared showers. We share three meals a day in a group dining room. Nautilus also has an outdoor patio area and a state-of-the-art indoor lounge with exploration viewing monitors. Limited WiFi internet is available in common areas for personal use and several landline telephones are provided in public spaces.

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E/V Nautilus is a working scientific research and exploration sea-going vessel. While the ship offers many of the comforts and conveniences of home (such as hot showers, telephones, and internet), it is also a difficult working environment consisting of tight living quarters, incredibly long hours, and hot and cold temperatures. You will be living aboard a ship with a small team of people who are far from home, some of whom have many years of sea-going experience and some who do not. Many areas on the ship can be dangerous during operations and while underway and you will be expected to adhere to all safety regulations. Our crew also cannot predict the weather, but strives to keep E/V Nautilus sailing in calm seas. As a selectee, you will not be able to pick your exact dates of sail, your specific travel arrangements, your bunkmates, or your working shift (watch) hours. Selectees are required to sign a medical waiver attesting they are fit and healthy for working aboard a research vessel.

Our Nautilus leadership team strives to make every member of the Corps of Exploration’s experience a safe and enjoyable one. If you are selected to sail with us, you can expect to have an incredible one-of-a-kind experience and you will get to work side-by-side with exceptional shipmates from all over the world. The Nautilus Exploration Program has brought over 100 interns and educators aboard during the past 4 years, the majority of whom had never gone to sea before, and some of them have returned to work aboard Nautilus in various positions.

If you are interested in any of our intern or fellowship opportunities, we encourage you to apply!

For more information, please visit www.oceanexplorationtrust.org

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Honors Research Program Application Packet

The Ocean Exploration Trust (OET) is pleased to announce its third annual Honors Research Program. We are seeking rising high school seniors (junior year completed by summer of 2013) to participate in a seven-week summer program from July 6 through August 10, 2013. Participating high school students will work with scientists at the University of Rhode Island (URI) Graduate School of Oceanography (GSO) to develop a research project that will culminate with each student joining an oceanographic research expedition aboard a research vessel such as the Exploration Vessel Nautilus or STS Bodrum. Students will learn how to plot, analyze, and interpret oceanographic data using computer science and engineering throughout the summer, and then join one of our expeditions at sea in the Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean Sea, or Aegean Sea.

The itinerary includes five weeks living at the URI dormitories and participation in exciting research at GSO. Students will then spend 7-14 days at sea on board a research vessel, where they will conduct data watches and build a geographical information system (GIS) project in real-time. Upon return to school, students must complete a report for OET as well as present findings to their teachers and classes.

Participating students must be rising seniors in high school with an unweighted grade point average of at least 3.5 out of 4.0 in academic courses, with enrollment in AP, IB, or similar honors-level courses in science, technology, engineering, or math. Additional qualifications are listed in the application materials.

This program is sponsored by Bechtel, the Office of Naval Research, and private sponsors.

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What’s Included
HRP Scholars will work with scientists and engineers at the University of Rhode Island (URI) Graduate School of Oceanography (GSO) for 5 weeks. While at GSO, students will be housed in the URI dormitories and will be supervised by graduate student assistants. Following training at GSO, Scholars will go to sea on a working research vessel for up to 2 weeks, including travel. All students will be accompanied by a Nautilus team member while traveling internationally. While at sea, students will share cabins with other team members and work as a part of the expedition team. The program will provide all travel, food, transportation, and accommodation expenses.

Timeline
- January 15, 2013 – Application Process Opens
- March 1, 2013 – All Applications Due
- March 11 - 22, 2013 – Interviews with Select Applicants
- March 29, 2013 – 2013 Honors Research Program Scholars Announced
- May 1, 2013 - Scholars must have valid passport
- Students must be available for the entire program. OET staff determines your cruise dates.
  - July 6/7 - Fly to Rhode Island and move into URI dormitory
  - Aug 9 - Shore program at URI Graduate School of Oceanography ends
  - Aug 10/11: Scholars fly home or to a field program
  - At sea opportunities may include (dates subject to change/do not include travel):
    - Aug 9-16 - E/V Nautilus in Gulf of Mexico
    - Aug 13-18 - STS Bodrum in Turkey
    - Aug 19-24 - STS Bodrum in Turkey
    - Aug 22-30 - E/V Nautilus in Caribbean Sea
    - 10-14 days in Oct/Nov (exact dates TBD) - E/V Nautilus in Caribbean Sea

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Application Materials

- **General Application Form**
  - Complete the online application form at: www.oceanexplorationtrust.org/generalapplication

- **Contact Information Form** (to be included with other pdfs)

- **Extracurricular Activities Form**
  - Activities should be no longer than the space provided. If you are involved in more activities, please list only those that are most important to you.

- **Essays 1-3**
  - Essays should be 1 page max; minimum 12-pt font
  - Essay 1: What do you hope to learn from the HRP experience?
  - Essay 2: Please describe a challenge you have faced and how you met it.
  - Essay 3: Please describe a science or engineering topic that intrigues you.

- **Two letters of recommendation**
  - Recommendations should be emailed directly from your recommenders to hrp@oceanexplorationtrust.org

- **Student and Parent/Guardian Statement of Understanding & Consent for Participation**
- **Sponsor Roles & Responsibilities**
- **Doctor’s Statement**
- **Official Transcripts**
- **Recent color photograph**
- **Online video chat interview for selected finalists March 11-22, 2013**
- All files should be converted to PDFs before emailing. MS Word documents and other file types will not be accepted. Please include your first and last name in all filenames, and email all pdfs together (except recommendations).

- **All application materials must be submitted by March 1, 2013.**

**Program Contact**
For questions and to submit your application, please contact hrp@oceanexplorationtrust.org

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Requirements

- Scholars must be at least 16 years old by July 1, 2013; and must have completed their junior year of high school at time of participation. This program is intended for rising seniors: students who have completed their junior year of high school, but have not yet completed their senior year.

- Scholars must have a minimum 3.5/4.0 unweighted GPA and be enrolled in Honors/AP/IB classes or equivalent in science, math, engineering or technology.

- Students must attend all portions of this program in their entirety to be considered for this opportunity.

- Join the Corps of Exploration aboard E/V Nautilus or another oceanographic research vessel for anywhere between 7-14 days during the 2013 field season. Expedition dates will fall between June 1 and November 30. Students must be flexible and should understand that dates will not be assigned until after acceptance into the program, and that expedition scheduling will be determined by OET.

- Participate in all assessments of the program. This will include, but is not limited to, phone debriefs, verbal and written evaluations about the program.

- Lead at least one presentation after returning from sea to share their experience and generate enthusiasm and participation within the student’s school and/or community.

- Scholars will conduct themselves in a professional manner and serve as exemplary role models for future explorers.

- Scholars must be U.S. Citizens.
Selection Criteria

- **Academics.** We are looking for motivated, accomplished students who want to make a difference in science and engineering in their future careers.

- **Communications.** Strong written and verbal communication skills. Should be comfortable in front of the camera or enthusiastic about trying.

- **Teamwork.** Strong interpersonal and leadership skills. Should enjoy working with others in team settings and be open to new collaborations, ideas, and activities. Able to work independently, and able to adapt to ever-changing conditions while at sea.

- **Technical.** Excellent technical skills, or be excited about learning new technologies.

- **Language.** Must be fluent in English (in speaking and writing). Fluency or some familiarity in a second language is helpful but not required.

- **Health.** Must be physically and mentally capable of meeting the demands of living and operating aboard a working exploration vessel, and must be able to live in close quarters with other expedition team members. If you are unable to participate in the field experience for medical reasons, you may still apply to be a part of the shore program and participate in an oceanographic expedition via telepresence from the Inner Space Center at the Graduate School of Oceanography. We do not want physical limitations to limit opportunities for students and we encourage qualified students who would not otherwise be able to participate in an oceanographic project to apply.

- **Travel.** Must hold a current passport or have one by May 1, 2013. Students may be required to travel internationally and should be prepared to do so.

The Ocean Exploration Trust encourages a diverse pool of applicants and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, or age.

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Sponsors can be teachers, parents, or representatives from some other organization involving youth education and activities who support the student through the HRP application process and experience.

Serving as a sponsor bears no financial obligation.

See Sponsor Roles & Responsibilities for more information about sponsorship.

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Letter of Recommendation Request Form

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The Ocean Exploration Trust requires two letters of recommendation from educators that know the student. Please complete the information below and attach a typed and signed letter on a separate sheet. In your letter, please comment on the following about the student:

1. Interest and ability in science, math, and/or engineering
2. Leadership and teamwork capabilities
3. Personal initiative and motivation
4. Communication skills
5. Potential ability to work on a research vessel, in close quarters with a large team
6. Maturity, professionalism, responsibility

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How do you know the student and how long have you known him/her?

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Student and Parent/Guardian Statement of Understanding and Consent for Participation

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Based upon the final OET field schedule and available funding, the Ocean Exploration Trust (OET) Honors Research Program (HRP) could change at the discretion of OET.

- Students selected for participation in HRP will have the opportunity to work closely with a scientist at the University of Rhode Island’s Graduate School of Oceanography as well as with a team of scientists, engineers, educators, and crew on board a research vessel, such as Exploration Vessel *Nautilus* or *STS Bodrum*.

- As role models for viewers of the websites [www.theexplorationroom.org](http://www.theexplorationroom.org) and [www.nautiluslive.org](http://www.nautiluslive.org), and for students and teachers in their high schools, HRP participants may take part in various forms of educational and outreach programming, and may appear in video on the Internet and in hard copy, via the website, webcasts, and other forms of media.

- Students will be expected to act as ambassadors, sharing their experiences with their schools and other audiences.

- OET funds students in HRP for travel to and from the University of Rhode Island, for local transport and living expenses while in Rhode Island, and for travel to and from an OET-sponsored expedition, including meals and incidental travel expenses.

- Students will be met upon arrival in Rhode Island. Students will travel with an OET-provided chaperone to their field experience. Each student will spend five weeks in Rhode Island and approximately 7-14 days on a field expedition.

- Students must obtain a valid passport by May 1, 2013.

- Students should be aware that living on board a research vessel involves narrow, steep staircases; narrow hallways; simple accommodations; heavy machinery and equipment, both new and old; and the necessity to follow orders when commanded by the ship’s Captain, Chief Scientist, Expedition Leader, or other crew as required. Students must be willing and able to undergo safety training under the command of the ship’s Captain.

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- It is the policy of OET not to discriminate based on race, color, age, sexual preference, political affiliation, religion, national origin, handicap, or disability in its programs and activities. No person shall be denied consideration solely because of any impairment that is unrelated to the ability to engage in activities, with or without reasonable accommodation, involved in the program.

- It is the policy of OET to maintain a drug–free environment. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, sale, or use of illicit drugs and alcohol while engaged in OET activities is strictly forbidden. The illegal use of drugs and alcohol is inconsistent with the behavior expected of HRP Scholars. Participants who engage in illegal behavior of any kind shall be held accountable for their actions and may be sent home at their own expense and/or denied further participation in the program.

- If, for any reason, the student becomes unable to participate or decides not to participate in HRP-related activities, OET reserves the right to dismiss the student from the program. If the student is suspended, expelled, or involved with any other serious incident, OET will support that decision by dismissing the student from the Honors Research Program. Dismissal may be enforced for any other violation of U.S. federal or state laws.

- Additional permits, waivers, medical forms, and/or permissions to participate may be required.

- I understand that the OET reserves the right to change the scope of the research program, including, but not limited to, the schedule of participation.

I have read the above and understand the responsibilities described. If selected as an OET Honors Research Program participant, I agree to work with OET/URI and other partner staff, scientists, and fellow students.

Student Name:________________________________________

Student Signature: _______________________________________ Date:________________________

If the above named student is chosen to be an Ocean Exploration Trust (OET) Honors Research Program (HRP) participant, we are/I am willing to sign the appropriate medical, liability, and publicity releases.

We/I understand that the below named person is serving as a sponsor and is assisting him/her in the HRP experience as described in the Honors Research Program Application Packet. We/I understand that applying for HRP is a serious commitment. If selected, we will not schedule any family trips or participate in any school trips that might interfere with the student’s participation in HRP.

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We/I further understand that the student may have preparation activities assigned to him/her. These activities will be in addition to regular schoolwork, but must be given high priority. We understand that it is important that the above named student be responsible and diligent in meeting any timelines requested by OET staff for returning materials or other forms.

We/I understand that family members will not travel with the student to the HRP experience.

Parent/Guardian Name: ________________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: __________________________ Date:________________________
### Sponsor Roles & Responsibilities

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Candidates for HRP must be sponsored by a committed sponsor. Sponsors can be teachers, parents, or representatives from some other organization involving youth education and activities. The role of the sponsor is:

1. To review all HRP application materials
2. To assist the student throughout the application process as necessary, helping the student assemble application materials and submit the application. Students should have all materials submitted to their sponsor, who will then forward the application to OET.
3. To assist the student through the HRP experience, as necessary.
4. To help promote the student’s efforts locally.
5. To serve as a key adult point of contact for OET, should such be needed.
6. Being a sponsor does NOT mean that you are supporting the student financially.

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Please provide a written statement (below) indicating the student’s overall ability and/or limitations to participate in this program, particularly physical activities while on a research ship.

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**Doctor’s Statement, Signature, and Date**

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