



Reef Renewal Foundation Bonaire Internship Application

Thank you for your interest in applying to the Reef Renewal Foundation Bonaire Internship. The RRFB internship is a rigorous program that invites participants to delve into the world of coral restoration and non-profit inner-workings. Internship positions last a maximum of 10 weeks (75 days) and are full-time positions (40hrs/wk). Interns can expect to gain a vast amount of experience both underwater and on land, promoting the project through public presentation or social media and preparing educational or marketing material. Diving days occur 4-5 times a week where interns assist RRFB staff with various activities including maintenance and monitoring of RRFB's offshore coral nurseries and outplanting corals to designated restoration sites along the island.

Interns are key to the functioning of our recreational dive programs where they will act as team leaders for volunteer divers—meaning they will be asked to lead a small group of divers through the steps of working in the coral nursery and outplanting on the reef.

Qualification & requirements

- Applicant must be 18+ years of age or older.
- Applicant should be enrolled in an undergraduate program having completed at least two years of study at an accredited college or university, be enrolled in a graduate program, or be a recent graduate from a college or university.
- **Applicant should have an Open Water Diver certification and at least 30 logged dives.** Preference will be given to those with Advanced Open Water dive certification or higher.
- The applicant must be physically fit and able to work on the water and in the sun for long periods of time (6-8 hours/day for several days in a row). Upon selection a **dive medical clearance**, signed by a medical professional, is required.
- ***Housing and reliable transportation must be provided by the intern.***
- All dive gear (including dive torch, excluding tanks and weights) must be provided by the intern.
- Upon selection, candidates will be required to provide proof of **medical/travel insurance**, if not Bonaire residents.

To apply: please compile and email the following documents in PDF format to Francesca Virdis, Chief Operating Officer, at francesca@reefrenewalbonaire.org:

- 📄 Cover letter
- 📄 Resume (including contact information for three references)
- 📄 Short answers (less than 300 words) to each of the questions listed below



Please answer the following questions with short answers (less than 300 words each) and submit them along with the rest of your application materials.

1. Which internship period are you applying for? See our website for the available dates (e.g. 2023 1st quarter).
2. Describe in detail your diving experience: certifications, # of dives, types of diving, boat/shore diving?
3. Tell me about a community outreach experience you have had: have you done public presentations? What types of presentations have you done? Would you consider yourself a strong public communicator?
4. Why do you want to be a RRFB intern? How does this internship fit in with your current and future goals?
5. Interns need to provide their living expenses. The cost of living in Bonaire can range from \$900.00-\$1200.00/month. Please describe how you plan to support yourself for the duration of the internship (e.g. savings, grants, etc.).