



**Join the  
Oceans Research Institute's  
Marine Biology Field Course**



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## What is the programme about?

**T**he Oceans Research Institute's Marine Biology Field Course provides invaluable hands-on experience for a variety of marine field research techniques.

Recognized by many international universities for its extensive training experience, the programme offers an opportunity for up to a full semester of university credits (to be organised with the

university). Students have a great chance to learn how to run ground-breaking research, not only by learning specific field skills on multiple real research projects, but also learning how to be part of a research team adapting to changing environmental conditions: a key aspect to begin building a professional network.



*"Thanks to the Field Research Program provided by Oceans Research, our undergraduate students have had the opportunity to gain extensive hands on and field experience which they would not have obtained during their standard undergraduate degree. The students returned to Australia with newly developed skills and graduate qualities which increased their employability and ability to undertake independent research."*

**Professor Charlie Huveneers**  
Flinders University

*"Without such experience I would not have been able to undertake mega faunal research. I owe my career to this institute."*

**Dr Riley Elliott**  
Director, The Great White Project New Zealand  
Presenter/Producer, Shark Week



*"Oceans Research brings like-minded people from all over the world together... I witnessed some of the most spectacular displays of wildlife behaviour, I know I will ever see in my life... the gained experience shows prospective employers that you would have the ability to apply theoretical principles to practical research in the real world."*

**Dr Lauren Peel**  
Project Leader, Seychelles Manta Ray Project





## Why should you join?

**P**articipants who sign up for our 1-3 month training programme will build practical skills and gain invaluable experience to help them become successful marine researchers and conservationists through our varied projects/activities:

- 1 Population dynamics of white sharks, other sharks, dolphins and whales
- 2 Trophic and movement ecology of sharks and marine mammals
- 3 Predator-prey behavioural strategies of white sharks and Cape fur seals
- 4 Shark stress physiology and behavioural studies
- 5 Intertidal community assessments
- 6 Surveys of plastic pollution
- 7 Marine Mammal Stranding Response workshop
- 8 Science Communication Course
- 9 Receive a SCUBA OWD, AOWD or RD certification included
- 10 Also included an accredited 15nm skipper course

## Species we work with





## How do you enrol?

### Step One

Apply on our website [here](#).



### Step Two

Pay a non-refundable deposit of \$500 within 14 days of acceptance to secure your spot.



### Step Three

Start planning your trip, including flights, VISAs, insurances needed, etc.



### Step Four

Remaining balance needs to be paid at least 1 month prior to your arrival.



### Step Five

Pack your bags, catch your flight and prepare for an unforgettable time in the Garden Route!



# Additional Information



## What are the program costs?

Costs vary based on student affluence

- Feb to Apr: 2,500 USD per month
- Jun to Aug: 2,800 USD per month
- Sept to Nov: 2,500 USD per month

For the best learning experience we recommend a minimum stay of 1 month.  
Discounts for South African citizens available outside the Jun-Aug period.



## What does the price include?

Research fee

Accommodation in dorm-style setting

Meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Local transport and airport pickup / drop off

Unlimited WiFi access



## What does the price exclude?

Airfares

Travel & medical insurances (recommended)

Laundry services

Tourism activities

Spending money



## Participants walk away with additional outputs

Gain course credit

Career development skills

Certificate of completion

Mossel Bay is as safe for tourists as many towns in Europe. There is no need for special vaccinations, as our region is malaria free. Join us for an experience of a lifetime: **APPLY TODAY!**



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