

PROGRAMME DETAILS

4 Transferable Credits
(earned through Rutgers
University Institute of
Marine & Coastal Sciences)



3 Week Course (Contact us
about 2018 dates)



Students must have at least
Open Water Diver
certification to participate



Course cost also includes

- Accommodation
- 3 meals/day
- Scuba diving
- Instructor fees
- Local airport
transportation

Coral Reef Internship in Marine Ecology & Conservation

Participants will work alongside our research team on collecting field data whilst learning about principles of tropical ecology, sustainability and management, through a workshop series. They will learn coral identification and other advanced marine biological techniques under the direction of a professional researcher and marine biologist.

Students will analyse and develop data into a series of group research posters that may be published or presented at a national or international conference.

This program provides a unique opportunity for students to become a part of 15 years of active research by CCMI while snorkelling and diving in the world-renowned Bloody Bay Marine Park and all of the ecologically diverse, beautiful reefs which surround Little Cayman. CCMI's location on Little Cayman provides excellent field research opportunities within easy access of Grand Cayman and the United States.

For more information, go to bit.ly/CCMIRutgers or email education@reefresearch.org

"THIS STUDY ABROAD COURSE OPENED MY EYES TO
WHAT I WANT TO DO AND WHERE I WANT TO BE IN
THE FUTURE."

VICTORIA ORIOLE, RUTGERS INTERN 2016



Participant Information

Programme Applied for _____ **Programme Dates** _____

Participant information

First Name		Middle Initials		Last Name	
Age	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY)			Gender	MALE / FEMALE
Country of residence/citizenship			Ethnicity *(this information is collected to assist in gaining sponsorship and grants for CCMI education programmes)		
Address					
Phone number (Please include area code)			Cell phone		
Email Address					
Name of Participants School					
Is Participant SCUBA certified?	YES / NO	If YES, how many dives?		Date of last dive?	
Current SCUBA certification level		Dive certification agency, ie PADI		Dive certification number	
Does participant have Travelers EMS Diver Preferred / DAN insurance?	YES / NO	Travelers EMS Diver Preferred/ DAN insurance plan and number			

Parent / Guardian information

Parent / Guardian's First Name		Middle initials		Last name	
Address – if different from above					
Home phone number (Please include area code)			Cell phone		Work Phone
Email Address			Gender	MALE / FEMALE	

If applying for YELC, CMEC, or MEC: Please include a reference from a teacher, coach, camp director or similar.

Name of Referee	
Relationship	
Email address	
Phone number	

How did you learn about this programme?	
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Payment: Cheque enclosed with printout Credit Card Online by PayPal ([click here](#))



Field Waiver, Liability & Disclaimer

THIS DEED OF INDEMNITY AND WAIVER (this “**Waiver**”) is made the _____ day of _____ between _____

_____ the parent or legal guardian of _____ (my “**Child**”) of _____

_____ (address) and each of the Little Cayman Research Centre (the “**Research Centre**”), the Central Caribbean Marine Institute (also known as CCMI), incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey and recognized as a federal 501c(3) non-profit organization and its affiliates, CCMI, a company limited by guarantee in the United Kingdom, and CCMI, a local company incorporated in the Cayman Islands and registered as a local charity and any of their respective parent companies, subsidiaries and affiliates (together hereinafter called “**CCMI**”).

In consideration of my child _____ (my “**Child**”) being given the opportunity to participate in a CCMI programme (the “**Programme**”) at the Research Centre, I hereby acknowledge, agree and confirm as follows:

I am aware of the skills needed for, and recognize the risks of injury or harm that may occur to my Child as a result of my Child’s participation in the Programme. I assume such risks on my own for myself and my Child as a condition of my Child’s being permitted to participate in the Programme. To my knowledge, my Child has no existing medical condition that could worsen or result in further injury (to my Child or to others) as a result of my Child’s participation in the Programme. I understand that neither the CCMI, nor the Research Centre nor any of their affiliates nor any of their officers, directors, trustees, agents or employees is responsible for administering any medical care or medication required by my Child whatsoever (“**Medical Treatment**”) during my Child’s participation in the Programme. In case of emergency, the Research Centre or any of its officers, directors, trustees, agents or employees is authorized to seek Medical Treatment for my Child, and I accept full financial responsibility for all the costs of such Medical Treatment and any associated costs connected thereto.

In the event that CCMI or the Research Centre or any of their affiliates or any of its officers, directors, trustees, agents or employees deems it necessary at their sole discretion to evacuate my Child from the Research Centre for any reason including (without limitation) in the event of a threat of a hurricane or other act of God or to relocate my Child into an alternative building for example (without limitation) a shelter, I hereby authorize CCMI or the Research Centre or any of their affiliates or any of its officers, directors, trustees, agents or employees to take any and all action that they deem necessary (“**Emergency Action**”) and I accept all financial liabilities related thereto.

For my Child and for myself and for my Child’s heirs, successors and assigns, I hereby release and forever discharge CCMI and any of their parent companies, subsidiaries and affiliates, and their respective officers, directors, trustees, shareholders, agents, employees, successors and assigns all in their official or individual capacities (“**Indemnified Persons**”) from any and all actions, costs, suits, demands, claims, damages, losses and liabilities direct or indirect howsoever arising (including without limitation reasonable attorney’s fees) of any type or kind whatsoever arising out of or caused (“**Loss**”) by my Child’s participation in the Programme any Medical Treatment provided or as a result of any Emergency Action taken or in connection with any damage, loss or theft of any of my Child’s personal property, equipment, clothing, or effects.

I hereby agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Indemnified Persons from and against any Loss of any type or kind whatsoever arising out of or caused by my child’s participation in the Programme any Medical Treatment provided or as a result of any Emergency Action taken.

I understand and agree that none of the Indemnified Persons may be held liable or responsible in any way for any injury, death, or other damages to me, my Child, my family, or any of their estate, heirs or assigns that may occur as a result of my Child’s participation in the Programme or as a result of the negligence of any party, including the Indemnified Persons, whether passive or active. In consideration of being allowed to participate in the Programme, I hereby personally assume all risks of the Programme, whether foreseen or unforeseen, that may befall my Child while my Child is a participant in the Programme, including but not limited to the academics, confined water and/or open water activities including (without limitation) any snorkeling or other swimming activities or the use of public or private transportation. I further release, exempt and hold harmless said course and Indemnified Persons from any claim or lawsuit by me, my Child, my family, or any of their estate, heirs, or assigns, arising out of my Child’s enrollment and participation in the Programme. This Waiver may be signed in counterpart, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute an instrument.

I acknowledge and agree that any Indemnified Person may rely on the terms of this Waiver and take the benefit of any of the terms contained herein. I understand and agree that the Research Centre or CCMI has the discretionary right to terminate my participation in the Programme if they conclude further participation would pose a risk to the safety of myself or others or if they conclude the Participant’s behaviour is disruptive to the best interests of the Programme. Permission is hereby given for the use the Participant’s likeness, photographs, statements, video tape, voice, music or articles in the promotion of future Programmes. This Waiver is governed by the laws of the Cayman Islands and the Courts of the Cayman Islands shall have exclusive jurisdiction.

EXECUTED and DELIVERED as a DEED	
By	
_____	Witness Signature _____
Signature of Participant, or Parent or Legal Guardian if Participant is a minor	
Print Name _____	Date: _____
	Witness Name _____

EXECUTED and DELIVERED as a DEED	
For and on behalf of CCMI	
_____	Witness Signature _____
Signature of CCMI representative	
Print Name _____	Date: _____
	Witness Name _____



Medical Information

To the Participant

The purpose of this Medical Questionnaire is to find out if you should be examined by your doctor before participating **in recreational SCUBA diving or other aspects of the field experience**. A positive response to a question does not necessarily disqualify you from diving or other activities. A positive response means that there is a preexisting condition that may affect your safety and we recommend you seek the advice of your physician prior to engaging in certain activities.

Please answer with the full word YES or NO to the following:

Are you pregnant or attempting to become pregnant?		Are you currently receiving any medical care?	
Are you presently taking any medications (excepting birth control or anti malarial)?		Do you have any form of Diabetes?	
Do you smoke a pipe, cigars or cigarettes?		Do you have asthma, wheezing whilst breathing or whilst exercising?	
Do you have a high cholesterol level?		Do you have frequent or severe attacks of hay fever or allergy reactions?	
Do you have a family history of heart attacks or strokes?		Do you have frequent colds, sinusitis or bronchitis?	
Do you have high blood pressure?		Do you have any form of lung disease?	

Have you ever had or do currently have – please answer YES or NO:

Pneumothorax (collapsed lung)?	
Other chest disease or chest surgery?	
Behavioral health, mental or psychological problems (panic attack, fear of closed or open spaces)?	
Epilepsy, seizures, convulsions or take medications to prevent these?	
Recurring complicated migraine headaches or take medications to prevent them?	
Blackouts or fainting (full/partial loss of consciousness)?	
Frequent or severe suffering from motion sickness (seasickness or carsickness etc))	

Please answer the following questions on your past or present medical history with a **YES** or **NO**.

Past and present medical history

Dysentery or dehydration requiring medical intervention?	
Any dive accidents or decompression sickness?	
Inability to perform moderate exercise (example: walk 1.6 km/one mile within 12 minutes)?	
Head injury with loss of consciousness in the past five years?	
Recurrent back problems?	
Back or spinal surgery?	
Diabetes?	
Back, arm or leg problems following surgery, injury or fracture?	
High blood pressure or take medicine to control blood pressure?	
Heart disease?	
Heart attack?	
Angina, heart surgery or blood vessel surgery?	
Sinus surgery?	
Ear disease or surgery, hearing loss or problems with balance?	
Recurrent ear problems?	
Hernia?	
Ulcers or ulcer surgery?	
A colostomy or ileostomy?	
Recreational drug use or treatment for, or alcoholism in the past five years	
Is there any additional information about your medical conditions for which a physician in another country should be made aware? (if yes please provide details on a separate sheet)	



Emergency Contact Information

Participant's Name		Participants Date of Birth (DD/MM/YY)		Age at course start date	
Address					
Phone (home)		Phone (cell)		Phone (school)	

Emergency Contact (different from Parent / Guardian)

Full Name		Relationship to participant	
Address			
Phone (home)		Phone (work)	Phone (cell)

Participants Doctor Information

Participants Doctor			
Surgery Address			
Surgery Phone number		Surgery email address	

Confidential Health Information for Emergency Purposes

Insurance Company and Policy Number which covers you on this trip: _____

DAN / Travelers EMS Diver Preferred Insurance Card Number (for SCUBA divers): _____

Prescription Medications used regularly (please include all medications):

Allergies (allergies to medications, food, or other substances):

Blood Type (if unknown please leave this blank): _____

Dietary requirements

List any special dietary requirements or foods that the participant cannot eat (please note CCMI cannot cater for all special requirements):

In the event of an emergency and I/we (Parent/Guardian) cannot be reached, I/we give our consent to authorise treatment or hospital care which in the best judgment of a licensed physician is deemed advisable.
The information I have provided about my medical history (above and below) is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I agree to accept responsibility for omissions regarding my failure to disclose any existing or past health condition.

Signature of Participant _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Date: _____
 (Needed if Participant is under the age of 18)



Standard Safe Diving Practices Statement of Understanding

This is a statement in which you are informed of the established safe diving practices for skin and scuba diving. These practices have been compiled from PADI for your review and acknowledgement and are intended to increase your comfort and safety in diving. Your signature on this statement is required as proof that you are aware of these safe diving practices. Read and discuss the statement prior to signing it. If you are a minor, this form must also be signed by a parent or guardian.

I, (Print Participant Name) _____, understand that as a diver

(Print Certifying Company and Certification #) _____ I should:

1. Maintain good mental and physical fitness for diving. Avoid being under the influence of alcohol or dangerous drugs when diving. Keep proficient in diving skills, striving to increase them through continuing education and reviewing them in controlled conditions after a period of diving inactivity.
2. Be familiar with my dive sites. If not, obtain a formal diving orientation from a knowledgeable, local source. If diving conditions are worse than those in which I am experienced, postpone diving or select an alternate site with better conditions. Engage only in diving activities consistent with my training and experience. Do not engage in cave diving unless specifically trained to do so.
3. Use complete, well-maintained, reliable equipment with which I am familiar; and inspect it for correct fit and function prior to each dive. Deny use of my equipment to uncertified divers. Always have a buoyancy control device and submersible pressure gauge when scuba diving. Recognize the desirability of an alternate air source and a low-pressure buoyancy control inflation system.
4. Listen carefully to dive briefings and directions and respect the advice of those supervising my diving activities.
5. Adhere to the buddy system throughout every dive. Plan dives including communications, procedures for reuniting in case of separation, and emergency procedures with my buddy.
6. Be proficient in dive-table usage. Make all dives no-decompression dives and allow a margin of safety. Have a means to monitor depth and time under water. Limit maximum depth to my level of training and experience. Ascend at a rate of not more than 60 feet/18 meters per minute.
7. Maintain proper buoyancy. Adjust weighting at the surface for neutral buoyancy with no air in my buoyancy control device. Maintain neutral buoyancy while under water. Be buoyant for surface swimming and resting. Have weights clear for easy removal, and establish buoyancy when in distress while diving.
8. Breathe properly for diving. Never breath hold or skip breathe when breathing compressed air, and avoid excessive hyperventilation when breath-hold diving. Avoid overexertion while in and under water and dive within my limitations.
9. Use a boat, float, or other surface support station whenever feasible.
10. Know and obey local diving laws and regulations, including fish-and-game and dive-flag laws.

I have read the above statements and have had any questions answered to my satisfaction. I understand the importance and purposes of these established practices. I recognize they are for my own safety and well being, and that failure to adhere to them can place me in jeopardy when diving

By:

(Participant Signature)

(Date)

(Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Name)

(Parent(s) or Guardian(s) signature(s))

If Participant is a minor, parent/ legal guardian must also sign. If you are SCUBA certified, a copy of your diver certification card AND a copy of your dive insurance card must be sent to be kept on file with CCMI.

* This is the standard PADI guidelines & regulations.



SCUBA Diving Waiver

THIS AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") made the _____ day of _____ between _____ (Participant) of _____ (address) (hereinafter called the "User") and each of the Little Cayman Research Centre (the "Research Centre"), the Central Caribbean Marine Institute (also known as CCMI), incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey and recognized as a federal 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and its affiliates, CCMI, a company limited by guarantee in the United Kingdom, and CCMI, a local company incorporated in the Cayman Islands and registered as a local charity and any of their respective parent companies, subsidiaries and affiliates (together hereinafter called "CCMI").

I, _____ (Participant), agree, that in order to obtain educational credit or educational and research experience I have determined to participate in the field programme offered by the Research Centre. CCMI neither runs nor has responsibility for operating or overseeing any transportation including airlines or ground transport, or accommodations provided in this programme.

Whereby it is agreed that in consideration of CCMI making available and/or contracting out the services of boats, diving gear, and equipment relating thereto, or belonging to, or in the possession of CCMI, and in reliance upon the statement of the User that he/she is (check) or is not (check) a qualified SCUBA diver with a valid diving certificate issued by _____ (Certifying Agency) _____ (Certification Number) and with _____ (#) years experience, with _____ (#) open water dives, the User hereby for himself, his heirs, his personal representatives and dependents, hereby releases, discharges and agrees to hold harmless CCMI, its successors and assigns and its trustees, directors, officers, employees, representatives, any other participating and/or sponsoring entities and authorized agents (individually or collectively), all in their official or individual capacities from all actions, proceedings, claims and demands that the User, his heirs, personal representatives and dependents may have for injury (including injury resulting in death) however caused or sustained by the User and for the loss of or damage (however caused) to his personal belongings suffered while in the field, in trucks, cars, on boats, or any other vehicle, diving, while using diving gear or other equipment relating thereto belonging to or in the possession of CCMI, including, but not limited to, such injury, loss or damage resulting directly or indirectly from negligence or failure to take reasonable care to see that the User will be reasonably safe, of CCMI, its trustees, directors, officers, employees, representatives or authorized agents, all in their official or individual capacities, from the malfunction of diving gear, snorkel gear, or other equipment, and from operation, use, of loading, unloading or un-seaworthiness of boats or other watercraft owned, maintained, or operated by CCMI or any other agency or vendor.

I, _____ (Participant), hereby affirm that I am aware that skin and scuba diving have inherent risks which may result in serious injury or death. The User confirms that he/she is ultimately responsible for his/her own safety and agrees to obey all the rules and regulations of SCUBA certification. It is clearly the diver's or snorkeler's responsibility to refuse to dive or snorkel if in his/her judgment, conditions are unsafe. I understand that diving with compressed air involves certain inherent risks; decompression sickness, embolism or other hyperbaric injury can occur that require treatment in a recompression chamber. I further understand that any open water diving trips which are necessary for training and for certification, may be conducted at a site that is remote, either by time or distance or both, from such a recompression chamber. I still choose to proceed with such dives in spite of the possible absence of a recompression chamber in proximity to the dive site.

I understand and agree that neither CCMI, its successors and assigns and its trustees, directors, officers, employees, representatives, any other participating and/or sponsoring entities and authorized agents (individually or collectively), all in their official or individual capacities (hereinafter referred to as "Released Parties") may be held liable or responsible in any way for any injury, death, or other damages to me, my family, estate, heirs or assigns that may occur as a result of my participation in diving or as a result of the negligence of any party, including the Released Parties, whether passive or active. In consideration of being allowed to participate in this programme, I hereby personally assume all risks of this programme, whether foreseen or unforeseen, that may befall me while I am a participant in this programme, including but not limited to the academics, confined water and/or open water activities. I further release, exempt and hold harmless said course and Released Parties from any claim or lawsuit by me, my family, estate, heirs, or assigns, arising out of my enrollment and participation in this course including both claims arising during the course or after I receive my certification.

I also understand that skin diving and scuba diving as well as other activities undertaken during this programme are physically strenuous activities and that I will be exerting myself, and that if I am injured as a result of a heart attack, panic, hyperventilation, drowning or any other cause, that I expressly assume the risk of said injuries and that I will not hold the Released Parties responsible for the same. I further state that I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this liability release, or that I have acquired the written consent of my parent or guardian. I understand the terms herein are contractual and not a mere recital, and that I have signed this document of my own free act and with the knowledge that I hereby agree to waive my legal rights. I further agree if any provision of this Agreement is found to be unenforceable or invalid, that provision shall be severed from this Agreement. The remainder of this Agreement will then be construed as though the unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

In full awareness of the above and in consideration of my participation of this trip, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless CCMI, its successors and assigns and its trustees, directors, officers, employees, representatives, any other participating and/or sponsoring entities and authorized agents (individually or collectively), all in their official or individual capacities from all actions, proceedings, claims and demands that the User, his heirs, personal representatives and dependents may have for injury (including injury resulting in death) and for the loss of or damage (however caused) to his personal belongings arising in any manner out of my presence or activities while participating in a programme of CCMI. This Agreement may be signed in counterpart, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one instrument

I have read, understood and agree to the booking terms and conditions stated on the CCMI's website www.reefresearch.org and having also read and understood the PADI safe diving practices also posted on the CCMI's website I agree to follow those safe diving practices _____ (initials of "User")

EXECUTED and DELIVERED as a DEED	
By	
_____ Signature of Participant, or Parent or Legal Guardian if Participant is a minor	_____ Witness Signature
_____ Print Name	_____ Witness Name
Date: _____	If you are SCUBA certified, a copy of your diver certification card must be kept on file with CCMI.
EXECUTED and DELIVERED as a DEED	
For and on behalf of CCMI	
_____ Signature of CCMI representative	_____ Witness Signature
_____ Print Name	_____ Witness Name