STUDENT OPPORTUNITY

The University of Southern Mississippi’s School of Ocean Science and Technology’s Marine Education Center at the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory has an exciting opportunity for Junior/Senior level high school students and community college students to fully participate in a research project that will answer life history questions of the red drum, *Sciaenops ocellatus*, within the north central GOM.

This is a unique volunteer opportunity that will provide a great deal of experience in the scientific process. Selected students will be introduced to the various hypotheses and experimental design, and collect, process and analyze the collected data. This project will shed light on the reproductive biology, age structure and seasonal movements of the red drum in the north central GOM which will be useful information for resource managers. Selected students will gain a better understanding and appreciation of the scientific process through the development of the project hypotheses, experimental design, data collection and laboratory analysis. Time commitments will vary based on student availability.

**Interested students are encouraged to apply by October 21, 2016.**

The application and application instructions can be found at the following link: [www.gcrl.usm.edu/mec](http://www.gcrl.usm.edu/mec).

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RED DRUM (*Sciaenops ocellatus*)

[Image of a red drum]