The Coral Reef Ed-Ventures Program invites applications from Smith sophomores and juniors interested in participating in an eight-week summer marine environmental education and research program in San Pedro, Belize (May 31- July 22).

The first and last weeks of the program are held on the Smith campus, with the intervening six weeks in residence in San Pedro, Belize. Coral Ed student teachers conduct three weeks of camp for Belizean schoolchildren: a two-week, inquiry-based program for children ages 7 to 11 focuses on coral reefs; and a one-week advanced program engages youth ages 12 and above. Coral Ed students also spend one week participating in marine conservation research with Smith faculty and Hol Chan Marine Reserve staff.

Coral Reef Ed-Ventures is sponsored by the Smith College Environmental Science and Policy Program. There is no application form. Interested students should send a short email note to Prof. David Smith (ldsmith@smith.edu) and Dr. Denise Lello (dlello@smith.edu) indicating interest in the program and giving the following information:

Name, class, major and minor (if known), courses completed and to be taken in the spring semester 2016 that are relevant to the program (marine, environmental, and education courses in particular), and previous experience(s) working with children. International travel, snorkeling or scuba experience, and Spanish language proficiency are desirable and should be included in the email. Students who plan to participate in scuba research must be certified before the start of the program. Please include a one-paragraph statement that addresses your motivation for participating in Coral Reef Ed-Ventures 2016. Inquiry emails should be sent no later than Monday, December 7.