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 29-July 20, 2018).

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, seagrasses and mangroves; 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 Ed student teachers are expected to participate in a 1-credit special studies project in spring semester 2018 to learn about Belize, discuss research objectives and methods, and design teaching modules.

**International travel, snorkeling or scuba experience, experience working with children, and Spanish language proficiency are desirable.** Students who plan to participate in scuba research must be certified before the start of the program.

Interested students may want to attend an informational panel, which will be held in McConnell 103 during the ES&P lunchbag series on Wednesday, November 29 from 12:10-1 p.m. Smith students who have participated in the Coral Reef Ed-Ventures program will speak about their experiences and be available to answer questions.

Coral Reef Ed-Ventures is sponsored by the Smith College Environmental Science and Policy Program. An application form can be found on the ES&P website under Study Abroad, Coral Reef Ed-Ventures ([Summer 2018 Application Information](#)). Completed forms should be received no later than Monday, December 4. For more information, please contact Prof. David Smith ([ldsmith@smith.edu](mailto:ldsmith@smith.edu)) or Dr. Denise Lello ([dello@smith.edu](mailto:dello@smith.edu)).