

# Application Form – Fall Semester 2011

Semester in Environmental Science (SES)  
Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA 02543-1015

**Eligibility and Deadlines:** The SES is designed for undergraduates. In some cases, beginning graduate students may be eligible. Students at colleges and universities that are members of the *MBL Consortium in Environmental Science* (MBLCES) will receive credit from their home institutions. Students whose home institution is a member of the Associated Colleges of the South, but not a member of the MBLCES can receive credit through Trinity University. If you are at un-affiliated institutions you can participate as a guest student at Brown University and receive Brown credit. Completed application forms, transcripts, and evaluations must be received by the MBL on or before **March 26, 2011**. Admissions decisions will be mailed on or about **April 19, 2011**. Notification of an MBL financial award will be included with letters of acceptance.

General Information		
Full Name:		
	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>
	<i>M.I.</i>	
Institution:		
	<i>Name of college or university you attend</i>	<i>Major</i>
	<i>Current year in college</i>	<i>Expected date of graduation</i>
Date of Birth:	Social Security #:	Citizenship:
If you are not a citizen of the U.S. what is your current visa status and expiration date?		

<p><b>Voluntary:</b> If you wish to be identified as a member of an under-represented minority in science, check the appropriate box below (must be completed to be eligible for URGES* scholarship aid):</p> <p style="font-size: small;">             African American      Hispanic      Native American      Other      Indicate Other  <input type="checkbox"/>                      <input type="checkbox"/>                      <input type="checkbox"/>                      <input type="checkbox"/>                      <input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p style="font-size: small;">*URGES is a program intended to foster participation in SES by Under-Represented Groups in Environmental Science</p>
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Academic Year Mailing Address		
Address:		
	<i>Street Address</i>	<i>Apartment/Unit</i>
	<i>City, State</i>	<i>Country</i>
	<i>Zip</i>	
Telephone #:		E-mail address: <span style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;"></span>
Dates at this address:	Starting: <span style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;"></span>	Ending: <span style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;"></span>

Permanent Mailing Address		
Address:		
	<i>Street Address</i>	<i>Apartment/Unit</i>
	<i>City, State</i>	<i>Country</i>
	<i>Zip</i>	
Telephone #:		E-mail address: <span style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;"></span>
Dates at this address:	Starting: <span style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;"></span>	Ending: <span style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;"></span>

**Parents or Legal Guardians**

Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Day time phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Night time phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Supporting Materials**

Please supply official transcripts from all colleges and universities you have attended, two letters of recommendation from people qualified to assess your academic capabilities, and a personal statement describing your experience, goals and reasons for wanting to attend the MBL's Semester in Environmental Science. For your convenience, we have provided check boxes below to help you keep track of all the necessary supporting documentation.

Personal statement – in a maximum of two pages of double spaced text or about 500 words, tell us why you wish to attend the Semester in Environmental Science. Describe your goals over the next few years and mention any relevant experience you may have.

Official transcript(s) from all post-secondary schools attended.  
 Provide names of institutions issuing transcripts: \_\_\_\_\_

Two letters of recommendation: Please complete the information below for the two individuals who will write recommendations for you. Included are two recommendation forms that you should provide to these individuals to help guide their evaluations.

1) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

2) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Your application will be incomplete and will not be reviewed by the admissions committee unless we receive all these materials on or before the application deadline. Official transcripts and letters of recommendation may be included together with this application if they are sealed, or may be mailed separately.

**Approval for Credit by the College**

**NOTE:** All applicants must have this section completed by your Off-Campus Studies Office. Schools within the MBL Consortium in Environmental Science have agreed to grant a full semester's credit to students who satisfactorily complete the SES program. Please obtain the signature of the off-campus studies advisor at your school confirming that your participation in the program has been pre-approved by the college.

*Enrollment of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of student) in the Semester in Environmental Science at the MBL during the fall of 2011 has been approved by the appropriate committees and advisors at \_\_\_\_\_ (name of college).*

**Signature of the Off-Campus Studies Advisor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approval for Non-U.S. Citizens**

If you are not a U.S. Citizen, you must obtain approval to study off-campus from the International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO) at your college.

**Signature of ISSO Advisor:** \_\_\_\_\_



# Recommendation Form 1 – Fall Semester 2011

MBL Semester in Environmental Science (SES)

7 MBL Street, Woods Hole, MA 02543-1015

**Deadline:** Completed application, transcripts and two letters of recommendation must be received by the MBL on or before **March 26, 2011**.

Name of student applying (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

## TO THE STUDENT

If you wish to waive the right to examine this evaluation at a later date, please sign below. If you do not sign, you will have access to this document after registration for the course. (This will not affect consideration of your application.)

**Signature of Student Applying:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## TO THE EVALUATOR

Please use this form to guide you in writing your letter of recommendation for the applicant. Keep in mind that the Semester in Environmental Science is a rigorous and challenging program intended to immerse students in both primary literature and hand-on field and laboratory research. Students should have successfully completed the following prerequisites or have the equivalent knowledge: **one year of introductory biology, one year of introductory chemistry, and basic calculus**. The success of students in this program will depend heavily on student initiative, ability to work cooperatively in groups and a willingness to see a project through to the end.

Thank you for your time and effort in preparing this evaluation.

Evaluator's name & title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please rank the applicant relative to the general population of peers by checking the appropriate percentile in each category below.***

	<u>Percentile Ranking</u>					
	<u>Top</u>					<u>Bottom</u>
1. Maturity	<input type="checkbox"/> 2%	<input type="checkbox"/> 5%	<input type="checkbox"/> 10%	<input type="checkbox"/> 20%	<input type="checkbox"/> 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> Below 50%
2. Curiosity	<input type="checkbox"/> 2%	<input type="checkbox"/> 5%	<input type="checkbox"/> 10%	<input type="checkbox"/> 20%	<input type="checkbox"/> 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> Below 50%
3. Initiative & Independence	<input type="checkbox"/> 2%	<input type="checkbox"/> 5%	<input type="checkbox"/> 10%	<input type="checkbox"/> 20%	<input type="checkbox"/> 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> Below 50%
4. Intellectual Ability	<input type="checkbox"/> 2%	<input type="checkbox"/> 5%	<input type="checkbox"/> 10%	<input type="checkbox"/> 20%	<input type="checkbox"/> 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> Below 50%
5. Ability to Work in a Team	<input type="checkbox"/> 2%	<input type="checkbox"/> 5%	<input type="checkbox"/> 10%	<input type="checkbox"/> 20%	<input type="checkbox"/> 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> Below 50%
6. Creativity & Imagination	<input type="checkbox"/> 2%	<input type="checkbox"/> 5%	<input type="checkbox"/> 10%	<input type="checkbox"/> 20%	<input type="checkbox"/> 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> Below 50%
7. Background Preparation	<input type="checkbox"/> 2%	<input type="checkbox"/> 5%	<input type="checkbox"/> 10%	<input type="checkbox"/> 20%	<input type="checkbox"/> 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> Below 50%
8. Laboratory and Field Skills	<input type="checkbox"/> 2%	<input type="checkbox"/> 5%	<input type="checkbox"/> 10%	<input type="checkbox"/> 20%	<input type="checkbox"/> 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> Below 50%

### NARRATIVE EVALUATION:

In the space provided below or on a separate sheet, please provide a brief description of the applicant's strengths and weakness, explain how you know the applicant and note any special circumstances or factors that we should take into consideration when evaluating him or her for entrance in the Semester in Environmental Science at MBL.

You may either return this form to the student in a sealed envelope or send it directly to: MBL Semester in Environmental Science, 7 MBL Street, Woods Hole, MA 02543-1015.

If you have any questions about the program or this evaluation, please contact our main office at 508-289-7777; e-mail [SES@mbi.edu](mailto:SES@mbi.edu); or fax 508-289-7507.

## Recommendation Form 2 – Fall Semester 2011

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**Signature of Student Applying:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Initiative & Independence	<input type="checkbox"/> 2%	<input type="checkbox"/> 5%	<input type="checkbox"/> 10%	<input type="checkbox"/> 20%	<input type="checkbox"/> 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> Below 50%
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