Sant Chair in Marine Science, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution

The National Museum of Natural History (NMNH), Office of the Associate Director for Science and Chief Scientist, is seeking an international leader in marine science to fill the position of Sant Chair in Marine Science (Supervisory Research Biologist). The Sant Chair conducts and oversees exceptional interdisciplinary or collaborative scholarly research at the Smithsonian and will advance a cohesive ocean science strategy that includes research, education, exhibits, major public programs, media contacts, publications, and lectures. Increasing the public’s awareness of science is at the core of the Smithsonian’s mission to increase and diffuse knowledge.

The Sant Chair will develop and participate in research programs related to their area of marine science, will conduct fieldwork on a global level with a focus on enhancing the National Collections, and will oversee major, synthetic research products of exceptional scope and originality that have significant impact across disciplines.

The Sant Chair will provide leadership, stimulate new collaborations, and enhance communication across the Museum’s ocean-science portfolio including the Smithsonian Marine Station in Fort Pierce Florida (SMSFP) and the NMNH Ocean Science Center (OSC). The Sant Chair must also be able to advise Smithsonian leadership at all levels on scientific matters involving national and international scope, and they will represent the Smithsonian on marine initiatives and partnerships such as the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development.

The Sant Chair will join a vibrant community of research scientists at the NMNH and around the Smithsonian, a community that also includes highly specialized collections, conservation, laboratories, field stations, exhibits and education colleagues. The museum’s collections hold over 147 million biological, fossil and mineral specimens, genomic samples, cultural objects and archival materials, representing over 90% of the Smithsonian’s holdings across its 19 museums.

This is a full-time, permanent executive level position to be filled as Trust (private sector, U.S. citizenship not required, proof of eligibility to work in the U.S. required). Salary starts at $135,468 per year, commensurate with experience. The Smithsonian Institution offers a comprehensive package of benefits. For complete requirements and application procedures, please visit: www.si.edu/ohr and refer to Announcement # EX-22-23 (https://www.usajobs.gov/job/654610800). Applications must be received online by 6/27/22. Resumes should include a description of your paid and non-paid work experience that is related to this position; starting and ending dates of job (Month and year); and average number of hours worked per week. Applicants will be notified by email when their applications are received.

For more information about the position, please contact Ellen Strong, Search Committee Chair and Chair of the Department of Invertebrate Zoology, at stronge@si.edu.

We encourage all qualified candidates to apply.

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