

Short-Term Visitorships cover scientists, journalists, artists, and other domain experts

Program overview: LUMCON's Short-Term Visitor Program advances science and science communication by supporting collaborations and inviting experts to enrich LUMCON's community. Short-Term Visitors are funded to spend time at our facility in Cocodrie, LA, sponsored by LUMCON faculty or staff.

Experts from any background are eligible to apply. LUMCON believes that a terminal degree is not required for someone to qualify as a specialist; anyone who has expertise to contribute to a project is welcome. Suitable applicants are those whose visit will result in a product created in collaboration with LUMCON faculty or staff. For example, applicants could be academics, artists, journalists, policy experts, or freelancers who create data, art, media, a policy proposal, or other products.

Short-Term Visitors receive room and board during their stay. Visitors should be on-site for a minimum of 2 nights and a maximum of 21 nights. Visitors will stay in one of the on-site apartments or dorm rooms. Meals will be provided in the cafeteria during their stay. Visitors will have access during their stay to all resources available at our facility in Cocodrie, LA.

LUMCON is committed to making data, databases, software, outreach and education materials, and other products that are developed as part of LUMCON activities freely available to the broader scientific and public community.

Application and evaluation: Applicants must have the sponsorship of a LUMCON employee. Proposals will be evaluated by a selection committee on how well the project contributes to LUMCON's mission, advances marine and coastal science, or informs/engages with relevant stakeholders. Risky, novel, interdisciplinary, and pilot projects are welcome and proposals for such projects will not be penalized for their exploratory or unique nature. Applications are evaluated as they are received.

All questions about the application and review process should be directed to our Science Media Officer.

