**INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

**with the**

**Southern Climate Impacts Planning Program (SCIPP)**

The Southern Climate Impacts Planning Program (SCIPP; <http://www.southernclimate.org>), a NOAA Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessments (RISA) Team, is seeking partners for an internship placement during Summer 2015. SCIPP will provide funding for a student to work at a partner organization on a project that would match the academic expertise of the student with the needs for climate and weather information for the organization. SCIPP will help recruit a student that fits the needs of the defined project.

SCIPP operates in the South Central U.S. and focuses on increasing the nation’s resiliency and level of preparedness for weather extremes now and in the future. SCIPP conducts investigations, develops products, and provides services for the six-state region of Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee. Our research projects include drought, hurricanes and storm surge, tornadoes, ice storms, wildfires, flooding, heat waves, and climate variability and change. To address these risks, SCIPP collaborates with communities and organizations to define relevant research projects and formulate strategies to reduce risk.

Past projects include *Mangrove Livelihood and Extreme Weather Events* (in partnership with the USGS National Wetlands Research Center) and *Exploration of the Relationship Between Weather Parameters and Abundance of Seasonal Surface Water* (in partnership with the Gulf Coast Joint Venture). In both these projects, SCIPP recruited students who brought skills in climate data analysis that could be coupled with the local ecological expertise of the partner organizations.

If your organization is interested in pursuing a research or product development project that would fit within SCIPP’s research areas of weather and climate extremes, please contact us. We are especially interested in projects related to vulnerability, critical thresholds, hazard planning, or climate impacts. Projects could include ecological studies, social change, planning, perception of risks, or any other project that expands climate analysis into an organization’s research or operations. SCIPP will provide salary for the student, so the host organization needs only to provide office space and mentorship for the project. SCIPP will work with the organization to define a project in sufficient detail that it can be completed during the course of a summer.

SCIPP is a partnership between The University of Oklahoma, Louisiana State University, Texas A&M University, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. This enables us to recruit from a large student body that has expertise in meteorology, geography, environmental sustainability, water resources, ecology, and many other disciplines. SCIPP researchers include expertise in both physical and social sciences, from fundamental to applied research.

If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Margret Boone, SCIPP Program Manager, at (405) 325-7809 or scipp@southernclimate.org. **We will begin reviewing projects on Wednesday, January 7, 2015.**