Media Advisory

WHAT: Smithsonian to offer internships at Natural History Museum to students displaced by Hurricane Katrina

WHEN: Through Sept. 9

WHERE: National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC

The Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History is immediately offering internships and appointments for the fall 2005 semester to university students and faculty who have been displaced by the effects of Hurricane Katrina.

“Like all Americans we were shocked and saddened by the devastation of Hurricane Katrina," said Cristián Samper, Director, National Museum of Natural History. "As an institution committed to science education, we are opening our doors to our university colleagues and students whose research and studies have been interrupted by this natural disaster."

Undergraduate students of colleges and universities whose fall semesters have been cancelled as a result of the hurricane may apply for internships. Graduate students and faculty affected by the hurricane are encouraged to apply for appointments as visiting scholars at the Museum. Placements are available in a variety of fields, including the biological, geological and anthropological sciences. Opportunities are available in education, exhibition and public programs, public affairs, business, accounting and computer and web technologies. The Museum has pledged its assistance in the temporary relocation of all potential interns. Applications will be accepted through September 9.

The National Museum of Natural History is one of the world's preeminent scientific research institutions. Its collections are the most extensive in the world and include more than 126 million natural history and human artifact specimens. The museum is part of the Smithsonian Institution, the world’s largest museum and research complex.

Students and faculty may contact the NMNH Office of Academic Services, which will remain open through the Labor Day weekend to answer questions and accept resumes from interested individuals: E-mail: Arc@si.edu, Phone: 202-633-4548, Fax: 202-786-0153