Before permission is granted to dive under the auspices of URI and URI in Bermuda Program, the URI Diving Safety Officer (URI DSO)/Diving Control Board and the BIOS Diving Safety Officer (BIOS DSO) must ensure that participants meet the mandatory diving requirements established by each institution. Participants are advised that the following requirements and deadlines must be fulfilled or admission to the program will be revoked.

1. If admitted to the program, you must submit the following documents to the URI Office of International Education by April 15th:

[ ] All diving and medical forms provided by the URI Office of International Education

Participants should carefully review these materials during the application period as fulfilling these obligations, such as obtaining a medical examination; in order to meet program deadlines will require advanced planning.

[ ] Proof of enrollment in the Divers Alert Network (DAN) Dive Accident Insurance/Photocopy of DAN Insurance Card

Enrollment must include the time period between May 1st and December 31st in order to ensure coverage during the URI in Bermuda Program Introduction to Scientific Diving Workshop (more info below) and the semester in Bermuda. Be advised that DAN membership is required in order to purchase the insurance. For more information visit: www.diversalertnetwork.org/

These documents will be forwarded to the URI DSO and BIOS DSO. Questions specifically related to URI diving policy and requirements should be directed to the URI DSO, Anya Hanson (401-874-6205, anya@uri.edu).

2. Mandatory URI in Bermuda Introduction to Scientific Diving Workshop:

[ ] All URI in Bermuda participants must successfully complete the URI Introduction to Scientific Diving Workshop organized by the URI DSO in order to be permitted to dive in Bermuda.
This session is a 3-4 day commitment the week after spring semester final exams and will take place on the URI main campus, URI GSO campus, and in the local vicinity. It will be necessary to plan accordingly for accommodations during this time period. Exact dates, a detailed workshop agenda, and equipment requirements will be provided after program admission.

To participate in this training, all diving forms listed in section 1 above must have been submitted to the Office of International Education by April 15th--- no exceptions!

3. Post-Program Diving Test:

[ ] Students who complete the May workshop, successfully complete the BIOS semester and all on-site diving requirements, and satisfactorily complete the URI Scientific Diving Exam will be issued an AAUS Scientific Research Diver Certification by the URI DSO. This does not automatically grant ongoing approval to conduct scientific diving activities at URI. Students requiring diving privileges should discuss this need with the DSO upon returning from BIOS.

The URI DSO will contact program alumni on how to fulfill this requirement, after the completion of the semester in Bermuda.

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