BLACK IN MARINE SCIENCE RECEIVES $100,000 GRANT FROM LUDWICK FAMILY FOUNDATION TO EXPAND MARINE SCIENCE EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND IMMERSION OPPORTUNITIES

Funding will expand opportunities for aspiring marine scientists to gain hands-on experience, professional training, and access to ocean science careers.

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October 29, 2026 - Black in Marine Science (BIMS) is proud to announce a $100,000 grant from the Ludwick Family Foundation to support the BIMS Institute and expand programming for the 2027 BIMS Immersion Program. This investment will strengthen the organization's capacity to provide hands-on marine science experiences, advance scientific storytelling, and create more opportunities for the next generation of ocean scientists and conservation professionals.

The funding will support critical infrastructure, equipment, and resources that helps BIMS connect marine science education, research, and community engagement. Through the BIMS Institute, the organization is building a space where science, creativity, and conservation come together to make marine science more accessible.

A significant portion of the grant will support the development of the BIMS Institute's creative studio, providing dedicated space for producing educational content, documenting scientific research, and sharing stories from communities and scientists whose perspectives are often underrepresented in marine science.

Additional funding will support the purchase of scuba equipment and underwater filming technology, expanding BIMS' ability to deliver immersive educational experiences, document marine ecosystems, and engage participants in hands-on ocean exploration. Transportation resources will also improve the organization's capacity to move equipment and support on-site program operations.

Together, these investments will strengthen the 2027 BIMS Immersion Program (BIP Week) and establish resources that will benefit future educational initiatives, research collaborations, and community-centered conservation projects.

"This grant from the Ludwick Family Foundation represents more than financial support. It's an investment in the next generation of marine scientists and the future of our ocean. Through the BIMS Institute and BIP Week, we're creating opportunities for individuals to gain experiences, build connections, and see themselves represented in spaces where they've historically been excluded," said Dr. Tiara Moore, CEO of BIMS & BIMS Institute.

As BIMS prepares for its 2027 programming, this partnership highlights the importance of philanthropic investment in building a more accessible and representative marine science community.

About BIMS
BIMS is a 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to celebrating, amplifying, and supporting marine scientists and ocean professionals. Through educational programming, professional development, community engagement, and initiatives such as the BIMS Immersion Program, BIMS works to increase access, representation, and opportunities across marine science and conservation. Learn more at www.bims.org and support our work at www.bims.org/donate.

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