



Virginia Key Science Community

Did you know that there are more than 800 people on Virginia Key alone working in the marine and atmospheric sciences? The community consists of government, academic, and commercial professionals making up the Virginia Key Science Community.

On the southwest tip of the island is the University of Miami's Rosenstiel School for Marine and Atmospheric Science (RSMAS). Located on the Rosenstiel campus is a Florida Sea Grant marine education and outreach office. Across the causeway from the school are two government laboratories for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA): 1) the Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory (AOML), a research facility; and 2) the National Marine Fisheries Service's Southeast Fisheries Science Center (NMFS-SFSC). Another academic institution is the Maritime and Science Technology (MAST) Academy, a public magnet high school. Lastly but most well known is the Miami Seaquarium, a marine life attraction on Virginia Key for 45 years.

