The Romberg Tiburon Center for Environmental Studies (RTC) is located on San Francisco Bay a few miles outside of the town of Tiburon in Marin County, approximately 25 miles north of the main campus. The 34-acre site is also the location of the Bay Conference Center which is operated by RTC.

The Romberg Tiburon Center was founded in 1978 to serve as a multidisciplinary instructional and research facility for the study of the natural environment of the San Francisco Bay and the central California coast. RTC provides a unique opportunity for faculty, students, and researchers of diverse disciplines to work together on regional and global environmental issues in areas of marine and estuarine science.

The Bay Conference Center (BCC) opened in 1987. Overlooking San Francisco Bay and the surrounding hills, it contains four meeting rooms, including a main room with seating for 140 people. University groups, government agencies, non-profit organizations, and private industry utilize the Bay Conference Center for meetings, educational programs, and conferences. The Ohrenschall Guest Center opened in 2001 and provides short-term overnight lodging in a beautiful renovated Victorian-era home. Seven bedrooms are available for use by University guests, affiliates, and Bay Conference Center conferees.

Several University departments offer courses at the RTC each semester, including the summer term. Courses offered at RTC encompass the areas of benthic ecology, biological oceanography, limnology, marine conservation biology, marine microbial ecology, molecular tools in marine biology, fisheries biology, food web structures, physical oceanography, remote sensing and GIS, and restoration and wetlands ecology, in addition to others. Courses are offered at both the graduate and undergraduate levels, and opportunities exist for graduate research projects. Students should check the Class Schedule or call the center for information on course offerings.

San Francisco Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) is a partnership among National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), San Francisco State University, California State Parks, Solano Land Trust, and the Bay Conservation and Development Commission. Its headquarters is also located in RTC. The San Francisco Bay NERR serves as a living laboratory for on-site staff, visiting scientists and graduate students. Since the inception of the nationwide NERR system, a main goal of the program has been to ensure a stable environment for research through long-term protection of reserve system resources. The reserves serve as platforms for long-term research and monitoring, as well as reference sites for comparative studies.

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