



OREGON SEA GRANT Scholars Program

Headquartered at Oregon State University since 1971, **Oregon Sea Grant** is a state-federal partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and one of 33 Sea Grant programs in U.S. coastal and Great Lakes states and territories.

Supporting a Healthy Future for Our Oceans

Oregon Sea Grant's Scholars Program supports graduate and undergraduate opportunities in coastal science, management, and policy. The program seeks to develop a diverse ocean workforce that understands technical and social challenges facing coastal communities and the natural environment.

Qualified students are placed in laboratories, in the field, and in government or nonprofit offices from Oregon's coast to the U.S. capital, in paid positions that provide them experience, skill-building, and mentorship.



Melissa Errend stands on the steps of the Capitol in Washington, D.C., during her time as a 2016 Knauss Fellow in the office of U.S. Sen. Maria Cantwell. (Photo by Dylan McDowell)

Our Fellowship and Scholarship Opportunities at a Glance

Opportunity	Eligible Students	Applications Accepted	Program Begins	Duration
Summer Scholars Program	Undergraduate	Winter	Summer	10 weeks
State Legislative Fellowship	Graduate	Summer (biennially)	Fall	Up to 11 months
Natural Resource Policy Fellowship	Graduate	Summer	Fall	1 year
Robert E. Malouf Marine Studies Scholarship	Graduate	Summer	Fall	1 year
Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship	Graduate	Winter	Winter	1 year
NOAA Coastal Management Fellowship	Graduate	Winter	Summer	2 years
NOAA Fisheries Population Dynamics & Marine Resource Economics Fellowships	Doctoral	Winter	Summer	Up to 3 years

For details, descriptions, and deadlines, and to sign up for e-mail notifications about upcoming Oregon Sea Grant Scholars opportunities, visit <http://seagrants.oregonstate.edu/education/sea-grant-scholars/fellowships-scholarships>

In Their Own Words

Working in the Governor's Natural Resource Office (GNRO) gave me a regional overview of West Coast and even national ocean and coastal issues and how Oregon fits into that larger picture. I also gained a much clearer understanding of how state agencies interact, complement and reinforce each other's work. Representing Sea Grant and the GNRO has been the professional development opportunity of a lifetime.

—**Kessina Lee**, 2015 Legislative Fellow and 2016 Special Fellow to the GNRO



Kessina Lee (photo by Kaikoura Kayaks)



Stephanie Ng (photo by Lynn Ketchum)

As a Summer Scholar, I helped run Shop at the Dock, an educational program that teaches the public about Oregon commercial fisheries and how to buy seafood directly from fishermen, and assessed the business and economic impacts of this program. While I'd had fresh and local seafood before, I'd never bought directly off the docks, so it was incredible learning how to do it myself. There is something really thrilling about knowing where your food is coming from. I love that I was able to see a whole tuna fresh from the ocean in the morning and eat it for dinner a couple hours later.

—**Stephanie Ng**, 2016 Summer Undergraduate Scholar

Small estuaries are strongly coupled to their watersheds, and thus signs of climate change will show up visibly in these ecosystems. My research modeling sea level rise attempts to replace this "looming shadow" of a threat with something actionable that can be integrated directly into community planning. In this way, I believe my research and Oregon Sea Grant's base ethic of public service are aligned.

—**Kai Parker**, 2015–16 Robert E. Malouf Scholar



Kai Parker (photo by Tiffany Woods)

Being in Silver Spring, at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Headquarters, is allowing me to get a bird's eye view of what NOAA does across the country. The more I hear about the collaborative regions, the more I think that I might want to be there, closer to the ground. But I wouldn't have known that without coming here.

—**Laura Ferguson**, 2016 Knauss Fellow



Laura Ferguson (photo by Dylan McDowell)

I will always be grateful to Oregon Sea Grant for taking me on as a Sea Grant orphan from the University of Idaho and supporting me during my Knauss Fellowship. Being an Oregon Sea Grant Fellow left a lasting impression and I am proud to now be working for the salmon, steelhead, and lamprey that call this state home.



Zach Penney (photo by Aaron Penney)

—**Zach Penney**, Fishery Science Department Manager, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, 2014 Knauss Fellow

Where Are They Now?

Check out our map showing where in the world some of our former scholars are working: <https://goo.gl/kFgDZg>

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