



# Oregon Sea Grant 2022 Legislative Fellowship Webinar

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# Introductions



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# What We'll Cover

- About Oregon Sea Grant
- 2022 OSG Legislative Fellowship
- How to apply using eSeaGrant
- Other available fellowships
- Q & A

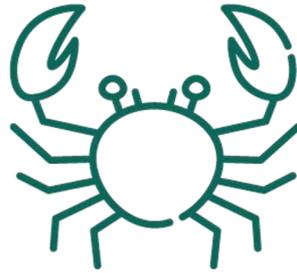


# Who is Oregon Sea Grant?

Mission – Oregon Sea Grant is a catalyst that promotes discovery, understanding and resilience for Oregon coastal communities and ecosystems

- **Researchers and students** investigating coastal and marine issues affecting Oregon's waters
- **Extension agents** engaging with local communities, scientists, and stakeholders
- **Educators** working with K-gray audiences on understanding marine and coastal topics and challenges
- **Communicators** producing products that help address program priorities
- **Operations staff** focused on budgeting, HR, compliance, reporting, policies
- **Partners** state/local agencies, NGOs, private industry, academic





# OREGON SEA GRANT: Scholars Program

Supporting a Healthy Future for Our Oceans, Oregon Sea Grant's Scholars Program supports graduate and undergraduate opportunities in coastal science, management, and policy.

**Mission:** The Oregon Sea Grant Scholars Program will increase the number and diversity\* of higher-education graduates who are work ready, trained in, and able to apply marine science, policy, management, and outreach skills to the most pressing coastal and ocean issues facing Oregon and the nation.

*\*Diversity refers to persons from various cultural, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds who contribute a diverse perspective stemming from various lived experiences, skills, and interests.*



# OSG Legislative Fellowship

The Legislative Fellowship supports graduate students with an interest in marine and coastal policy issues.

The Legislative Fellowship is expected to:

- provide technical expertise on marine and coastal issues to legislators;
- deliver timely reports on current coastal issues for Sea Grant and other interested parties;
- help an early career individual develop knowledge of the legislative process as it relates to coastal and ocean issues;
- encourage early career skills necessary to work with various levels of government and with private and state resource organizations.





# About the Fellowship

- Oregon Sea Grant has supported this fellowship since 1987 during the Oregon Legislative session.
- The Coastal Caucus is a bipartisan group composed of the Oregon State Legislators who represent the 5 house and 3 Senate districts bordering the Pacific Ocean and the Klamath Basin.
- The Coastal Caucus meetings cover a wide range of topics from marine reserves, approval of Ocean Policy Advisory Council members, ocean acidification, and Oregon Economic Summit



# What are the Qualifications?

- ✓ Must be Enrolled in a Masters/professional or PhD program at a college or university physically located in Oregon OR have completed an advanced degree after December 2021
- ✓ Experience, background, and interest in coastal or marine policy
- ✓ Excellent academic performance
- ✓ Exceptional written and verbal communications skills
- ✓ Ability to deal objectively and tactfully with a wide variety of people under stressful and hurried conditions
- ✓ Ability to maintain a non-partisan, non-political position
- ✓ Flexibility in time scheduling and willingness to work long, irregular hours during the legislative session
- ✓ Ability to work in or commute to Salem, OR as needed
- ✓ Fellows must be eligible to receive stipends from Oregon State University; Oregon Sea Grant cannot support visa applications for this position.





# Legislative Fellowship Schedule

September 30, 2022- *Submit intent to apply to [eseagrant@oregonstate.edu](mailto:eseagrant@oregonstate.edu) (preferred, not required)*

**October 7, 2022**– *Applications Due to Oregon Sea Grant via eSeaGrant by 5:00 pm Pacific*

Early-mid October – *Oregon Sea Grant Interviews*

Late October – *Award Notifications*

**November 2022** – *Fellowship Begins*

November to February – *Orientation Period*

February 1, 2023 - *Legislative Session Begins*

Ten days after the end of the legislative session, no later than August 31, 2023 - *Fellowship Ends*





# 2022 Award Details

- Oregon Sea Grant administers the overall fellowship award of \$4,000 per month from November until 10 days after the session ends or until August 31, 2023, whichever comes first.
- In addition to living expenses, the stipend may be used to support fellowship related professional development, educational supplies, health insurance, and travel expenses. All Oregon Sea Grant fellows are required to have health insurance.





# 2022 Evaluation Criteria

## Initial Administrative Review

- Confirm that applications were submitted on time and include all required elements.

## External Panel Review

- Communication skills: ability to articulate ideas smoothly and without grammatical errors, both written and oral (if interviewed) – **15%**
- Academic performance - grades, relevance of educational background and coursework to coastal/marine policy – **10%**
- Benefit of the fellowship to applicant's long-term goals – 15%
- Experience with people from diverse\* backgrounds – 10%
- Suitable background/interest - work and volunteer experiences relevant to coastal/marine policy; how the fellowship will support applicant's career trajectory – **20%**
- Recommendation letter endorsements - recommender knows student well, confirms competence, builds credibility – **20%**
- Flexible and professional - Ability to be objective (non-partisan) and tactful with a wide variety of people under stressful conditions – **10%**



# How the Application is Reviewed

Reviewers evaluate applications based on a set of weighted criteria centered around the fellowship priorities and application requirements. These are often listed in the NOFO (Notice of Funding Opportunity) or RFA (Request for Application).

Use the entire application (CV, letters of recommendation, etc.) to illustrate how you align with the fellowship. Draw on your academic and professional accomplishments as well as life experience.

## The Bottom Line:

Reviewers want to know what you would get out of this fellowship that you wouldn't get somewhere else.

Reviewers want to know how you would uniquely benefit their host office or the fellowship program.

What you get and what you give



# How to Apply: eSeaGrant

• Register for eSeaGrant – email a declaration of interest to [eseagrant@oregonstate.edu](mailto:eseagrant@oregonstate.edu) at least one week prior to application deadline (even if you already have an eSeaGrant account).

## Log in at: [eseagrant.oregonstate.edu](http://eseagrant.oregonstate.edu)

1. Select the fellowship that you are applying to and start your application
2. Start early and save often (save a copy of all materials to your computer to avoid losing any content if there are any technical difficulties with the site)
3. Request all letters of recommendation in eSeaGrant.
  - Your letter writers will get an personalized link from eSeaGrant to upload a PDF of their letter.
  - They will need to hit SAVE & SUBMIT to complete the process.
  - Communicate with them early and often—you'll be able to track the status of each letter.
4. Submit all materials by the application deadline (you can submit early and revise materials until the deadline)
5. Contact us with any questions!



RFP Call: 2022 Natural Resource Policy Fellowship  
 Application ID 2022 Natural Resource Policy Fellowship - stephanie ichien (test)

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# Natural Resource Policy Recommendation Letters

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## INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS

Two letters of recommendation are required. Use this form to submit requests for a letters of recommendation. One letter must be from the student's major professor or advisor. The second letter of recommendation can come from anyone of your choosing familiar with your abilities. You have the option to include one supporting document (e.g., CV) in your request to your letter writer. You may submit your application before your letters have been uploaded, but your application is not complete until both letters are submitted. Please be sure to check back prior to the application deadline to ensure both letters have been properly uploaded by your letter writers. We encourage you to follow-up with each letter writer to ensure that they have notification of your request.

Letters of recommendation will be submitted through eSeaGrant and must be received **by the application deadline - August 1, 2022 by 5:00 pm Pacific**. Please select that date when sending out your request and be sure to provide your letter writers with adequate time to submit their letters. Any letters beyond the two letters of recommendation will be disregarded by the selection panel.

## Instruction For Document Provider

### INSTRUCTIONS TO LETTER WRITERS

Please submit your letter of recommendation by using the File Upload option and clicking "SUBMIT." If the applicant requesting the letter of recommendation attached a supporting document for your review (e.g., CV), you will find it attached under "Supporting Document." You may close the webpage after you see your submission status located near the top of the screen switch to "submitted." You will also receive an email notifying you that your letter was successfully submitted. If you have any issues with eSeaGrant, please contact Stephanie Ichien (stephanie.ichien@oregonstate.edu) for assistance.

**IMPORTANT:** We only accept files in portable document format (PDF), and letters must be received no later than **August 1, 2022 by 5:00 pm Pacific**. Letters submitted after this deadline will be considered late and disqualify the application. Please note that the student requesting the letter may have provided you an earlier due date through the eSeaGrant system for convenience. However, the date listed here is when all materials must be received for the application to be considered. Please title this document the Student's Last Name\_Recommendation\_Your Last Name.

[Request Document](#)

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1	Test Letter Writer	08-01-2022 05:00 PM	Not Started	<a href="#">Resend</a>	

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Deadline date:  
 08-01-2022 05:00:00 PM  
 Due in  
**17 days**

- Start Here
- Natural Resource Policy Fellowship Application Upload
- Natural Resource Policy Recommendation Letters**
- Submission Preview

# More information

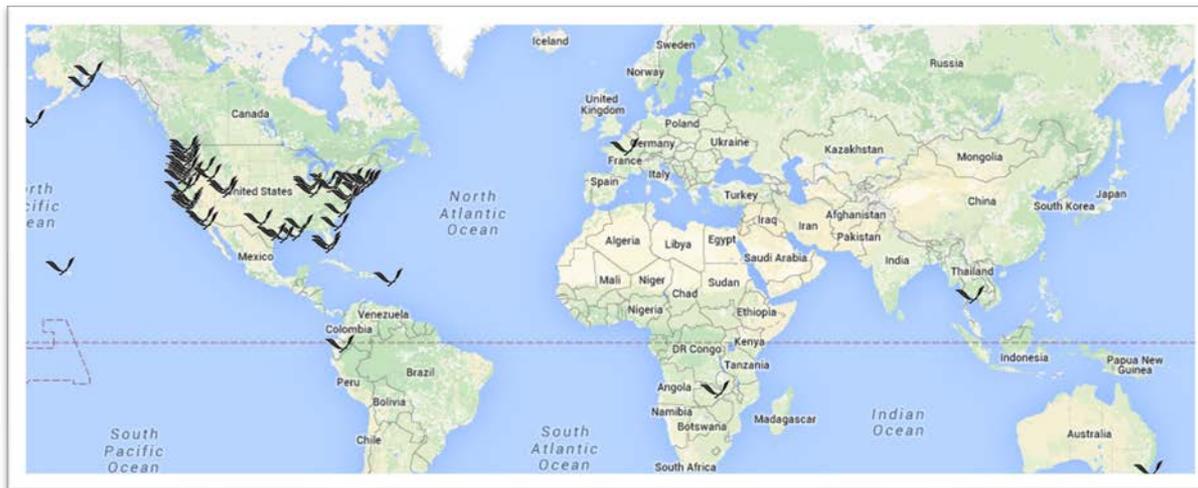
- Get notifications on upcoming OSG student opportunities

<https://lists.oregonstate.edu/mailman/listinfo/sg-fellowshipannouncement>

- Meet Oregon Sea Grant's current Fellows: <http://seagrant.oregonstate.edu/education/sea-grant-scholars>

- Oregon Sea Grant Scholars Blog: <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/seagrantscholars/>

- Oregon Sea Grant's fellowship page: <http://seagrant.oregonstate.edu/education/sea-grant-scholars/fellowships-scholarships>



- Sea Grant Scholars "Where are they now?" Alumni Map

# Other Available Fellowships



*Coming in Winter*

## **John Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship**

Matches graduate student with hosts in the executive and legislative branches of the government in Washington DC for one year

## **NOAA Coastal Management Fellowship**

Two-year opportunity that matches postgraduate students with state coastal zone programs throughout the US to work on projects proposed by the state

## **Sea Grant/NMFS Population and Ecosystem Dynamics & Marine Economics Fellowships**

Provides support to current graduate students to conduct research in marine resource economics (3 years) or population and ecosystem dynamics (3 years)

*To be alerted to Oregon Sea Grant's fellowship opportunities, subscribe to our fellowships notification e-mail list*  
<https://lists.oregonstate.edu/mailman/listinfo/sg-fellowshipannouncement>





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