Oregon Sea Grant
Winter Graduate Fellowship Webinar

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**Introductions**

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What We’ll Cover

• About Oregon Sea Grant
• Overview:
  • Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship
  • NMFS Population & Ecosystem Dynamics and Marine Resource Economics
  • Coastal Management & Digital Coast 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.
Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship

What is it? An esteemed, one year fellowship that matches highly qualified graduate students with "hosts" in the legislative and executive branches of government located in Washington, D.C.

Who is eligible? Any student, regardless of citizenship, is eligible to submit to this opportunity if:

• The student is enrolled towards a degree in a graduate program at any point between the onset of the 2021 Fall Term and February 18, 2022;
• The graduate degree will be awarded through an accredited institution of higher education in the United States or U.S. Territories, and;
• The student has an interest in ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources and in the national policy decisions affecting those resources.
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The 2023 Knauss Application Package

Project Narrative

TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE STUDENT

(1) Curriculum vitae
(2) Personal Education and Career Development Response
(3) Relevant Coursework and Future Year Plans
(4) Letters of Recommendation
(5) Transcripts
(6) (if applicable) Out of State Letter

TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE PROGRAM

(7) Director Letter

https://seagrant.oregonstate.edu/sites/seagrant.oregonstate.edu/files/noaa-oar-sg-2023-2007040_nofo_report.pdf
Knauss Financial Details

$66,500 in salary/stipend (including health benefits)

$5,000 in allowable expenses (relocation, academic tuition, and academic and fellowship related travel expenses)

$2,500 to support travel to the DC region for in person placement process**

$15,000 to support host office travel (*OPTIONAL and subject to the discretion of the host)
NMFS-SG Fellowships
Population Ecosystem Dynamics & Marine Resource Economics

- **What are they?** Highly sought-after fellowships that support up to three years of funding for doctoral student research to foster relationships between academics, scientists, and NMFS to encourage careers in marine resource economics and population ecosystem dynamics. *There is an emphasis on the development or implementation of quantitative methods for this funding.*

- **Who is eligible?** Must be a U.S. citizen, and at the time of application, be admitted or provisionally accepted to a PhD degree program in relevant field of study at an U.S. institution of higher education.
NMFS Fellowships
Financial Details

- Financial details: Applicants may propose a maximum total of $194,998 in funding ($54,166 of federal funds + $10,833 in applicant match (20%) = $65,000 annually for a max of three years).

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# NMFS-SG Fellowship Timeline

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| January        | Declaration of Interest: requested by January 20th  
Applications due: **January 27, 2022 by 5:00 pm PST via eSeaGrant**                                                                                     |
| February       | OSG Submits LOIs to NSGO: February 10  
Submits Applications to NSGO: February 24                                                                                                              |
| March-June     | National Review                                                                                                                                    |
| July           | Funding Recommendation Announcements                                                                                                               |
| August 2022    | Fellowship Begins                                                                                                                                   |
| July 2025      | Fellowship ends                                                                                                                                     |

NOAA Coastal Management Fellowship

• **What is it?** A two-year prestigious fellowship that provides on-the-job training in coastal resource management and policy by matching postgraduate students with state coastal resource agencies

• **What is the timeline?**
  - Declaration of Interest: [eseagrant@oregonstate.edu](mailto:eseagrant@oregonstate.edu) January 14, 2022
  - Applications due: **January 21, 2022 by 5:00 pm PST** via eSeaGrant
  - Oregon Sea Grant interviews: late January into early February
  - Decision on who to forward to national level: mid-February
  - Finalists selected at national level: March 18, 2022
  - Matching workshop presentations (Virtual): April 18-22, 2022
  - Matching workshop interviews (Charleston): April 25-29, 2022
  - Fellowship begins: August 1, 2022
# How to Apply

- Read the Federal Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)/Request for Applications (RFA) and follow the guidelines

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How to Apply: eSeaGrant

• Register for eSeaGrant – email a declaration of interest to 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

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 a 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!
Knauss Fellowship Letter of Recommendation

Two letters of recommendation, including one from a faculty member with knowledge of the applicant's academic and research (when applicable) performance, Letters of endorsement from members of Congress, friends, or relatives will not be accepted. The letters should not include personal contact information or web links to external resources (e.g., LinkedIn, articles, blogs, etc.).

Letters of recommendation will be submitted through eSeaGrant and must be received by February 19 at 5:00 pm PST. 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. Letters of endorsement from members of Congress, friends, or relatives will not be accepted.

Instruction For Document Provider

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.

IMPORTANT: We only accept files in portable document format (PDF), and letters must be received no later than February 19 by 5:00 pm PST. Letters submitted after this deadline will be considered late and disqualified 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.
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 or RFA.

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
Application Tips

Ask about tips on the application process and get connected to an alumni that may be able to answer your questions.

**Re-read**: The application requirements and your application materials.

**Letters of Rec**: Prep your letter writers about the opportunity. Give them time to provide meaningful comment about you.

**Start early**: Collecting all the pieces can take time.

Stay true to yourself, this is your application, let your character and goals be the focus!

**PROOFREAD**
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 Spring/Summer for Graduate Students**

**Oregon Sea Grant Natural Resource Policy Fellowship**
- Places a graduate student fellow in an Oregon state agency for one year providing first-hand experience in natural resource policy at the state level

**Oregon Sea Grant Robert E Malouf Marine Studies Scholarship**
- Provides scholarship support graduate students who combine societally relevant research with education or public engagement

**Oregon Applied Sustainability Experience (OASE)**
- Undergraduates and recent grads placed with an OR Agency or NGO- Marine research, outreach, and policy

**Coming soon for Undergraduate Students**

**Summer Scholars Program**
- Undergraduates and recent grads placed with an OR Agency or NGO- Marine research, outreach, and policy

**Oregon Applied Sustainability Experience (OASE)**
- Undergraduates and grad
- Oregon Businesses to create sustainability solutions
Questions?

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