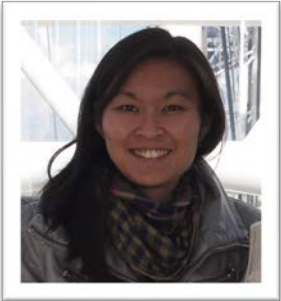# Oregon Sea Grant
Summer Graduate Fellowship Webinar

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Introductions

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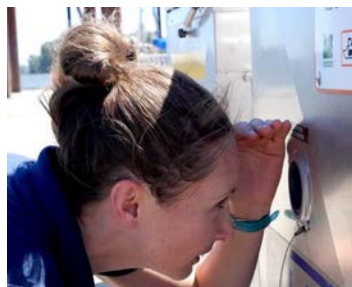
What We'll Cover

- About Oregon Sea Grant
- Overview:
    - OSG Natural Resource Policy Fellowship & WCOA's Fellowship Program
    - Malouf Marine Studies Scholarship
- How to apply using eSeaGrant
- Other available fellowships

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Who is Oregon Sea Grant?

Mission – Oregon Sea Grant sparks discovery, understanding, and collaboration to foster healthy, inclusive, and resilient coastal communities and ecosystems.

- **Researchers and students** investigating coastal and marine issues affecting Oregon's waters
- **Extension agents** engaging with local communities, scientists, and other interested parties
- **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

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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.

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OSG Natural Resource Policy Fellowship

What is it? A full-time, one-year fellowship that gives highly qualified graduate students first-hand experience in natural resource policy at the state level. The student contributes to policies that will benefit natural resource managers and interested communities in Oregon and the PNW.

Who is eligible?
- Graduate students from any US institution who have completed their degree within the past year prior to the time of the fellowship application deadline (after August 2022)
- Current grad students within one year of completing their graduate degree.
- Preference given to those who will have completed their degree by the fellowship start and students from an Oregon institution.

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2023 OSG Natural Resource Policy Fellowship Positions

Host Agency	Position Title
Tillamook Estuaries Partnership	Restoration Project Impact Analyst for Coastal Watersheds
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department	Ocean Shore Decision Support Development Fellow
Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians	Tribal Algae Taxonomist and Biologist
Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians	Tribal Climate Adaptation Specialist
Oregon Department of Fisheries & Wildlife – Marine Reserves	Human Dimensions Research Fellow
Oregon Sea Grant	Seafood Education Fellow

Full Host Descriptions are available on the OSG NRPF Website:
https://seagrant.oregonstate.edu/fellowships/natural-resource-policy-fellowship

West Coast Ocean Alliance Fellowship

The **West Coast Ocean Alliance (WCOA)** is the regional ocean partnership for the U.S. West Coast, focused on enhanced management and coordination by working closely with its Tribal, State and Federal government members. This is a full-time, one-year fellowship positions intended to provide first-hand experience in natural resource and ocean policy and science at the state and regional levels along the U.S. West Coast. Please visit the WCOA website for more information.

Who is eligible?
- College-level students and graduates focused on ocean and coastal management issues with an interest in ocean policy and planning along the U.S. West Coast.
- Applicants are not required to have a graduate degree.

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2023 WCOA Fellowship Positions

Host Agency	Position Title
The Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria, Department of Environmental Planning (Hybrid in Sonoma County, CA)	Ocean Science and Policy Fellow
Blue Lake Rancheria , Sustainability and Community Development Department (Hybrid in Blue Lake, CA)	Sustainable Energy/Community Development Fellow
Oregon Coastal Management Program within the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (Hybrid in Salem or Portland, OR)	Oregon Ocean Data Fellow
WA Dept Ecology (Hybrid in Lacey, WA or Remote)	Offshore Wind Marine Spatial Planning Assistant
NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service - West Coast Region (In-person in OR, WA, or CA, Remote, or Hybrid)	NOAA West Coast Offshore Wind Team Support Lead
NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service - Northwest Fisheries Science Center (In-person or hybrid in Newport, OR or Seattle, WA or Remote)	GIS Content Creator, NOAA Fisheries West Coast Offshore Wind Team
EPA Region 9 Wetlands and Oceans Section (Hybrid in San Francisco or Los Angeles, CA)	Marine Protection and Research Fellow
Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (Costa Mesa, CA)	West Coast Ocean Health Dashboard Developer
NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service - West Coast Region (In-person in Seattle, Lacey, or Long Beach, WA, Remote, or Hybrid)	NOAA West Coast Aquaculture Fellow

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2023-24 NRPF/WCOA Fellowship Details

- **Financial details:**
  - NRPF Stipend = $48,000 ($4,000/month)
  - WCOA Stipend = $57,000 ($4,750/month)
  - Covers fellowship-related travel, health insurance, and other expenses.
- **What is the timeline?**
  - June 16, 2023- Host Positions posted
  - July 3, 2023- Declaration of Interest: due to eseagrant@oregonstate.edu
  - **July 10, 2023 by 5:00PM (Pacific) via eSeaGrant-** Applications due
  - Late July Oregon Sea Grant interviews
  - August 31: Decisions announced
  - September-October 2023- Fellowship begins (one year)
- **Joint Request for Applications(RFA)** provides details on how to apply for both

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2023 OSG NRPF/WCOA 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) – 10%
- Benefit of the fellowship to applicant's long-term goals – 15%
- Experience with people from diverse* backgrounds – 15%
- Alignment of applicant's background, experience, and interest to the placement of interest – 10%
- Non-academic qualifying experience in marine/coastal natural resource policy or related fields – 20%
- Academic achievement: Relevance of educational background and coursework to coastal/marine natural resource policy or related fields – 10%
- Letters of recommendation – 20%

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Robert E. Malouf Marine Studies Scholarship

- **What is it?** One year scholarships that support masters/professional degree and doctoral students who combine societally relevant research with education or public engagement.
- **Who is eligible?**
  - Graduate students enrolled in an Oregon College or University in any discipline.
  - Masters/professional degree students must be in the first year or beginning the second year of their degree program by Sept 2023.
  - Ph.D. students can be in the first, second, or beginning the third year of their degree program by Sept 2023.
- Oregon Sea Grant plans to award up to three Malouf Scholarships in 2023: at least on Master's or professional student and at least one to a Ph.D. student.

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2022 Malouf Details

- **Financial details:** $11,100 per scholar distributed across 12 months ($925/month).

- **What is the timeline?**
  - July 21, 2023: Submit intent to apply to eseagrant@oregonstate.edu –
  - **July 28 by 5:00PM (Pacific)**: Application due via eSeaGrant:
  - late August: Interviews
  - Early September - Decision announced
  - October 1, 2023- Scholarship begins:
  - Period of scholarship: one year (non-renewable)

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2023 Malouf Evaluation Criteria

Initial Administrative Review

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

External Panel Review

1. Communication skills: Written communication skills are demonstrated by a lack of grammatical errors or typos, effectively making their point(s), ideas flowing smoothly, addressing all questions asked, and clearly articulating their responses. – 10%

2. Benefit of the scholarship to applicant's long term goals: Applicants should clearly describe how the Malouf scholarship will substantially and uniquely benefit them and help them achieve their goals. – 10%

3. Experience with people from diverse* backgrounds: Applicants should specifically address their past experiences with diverse groups, and clearly outline how their experiences will contribute to the research project.– 15%

4. Societally relevant applied research/scholarship - focuses on OR coast communities or ecosystems. – 15%

5. How and who research engages - education and engagement included in project: The project should clearly define stakeholders of the research and how the scholar plans to engage them throughout the project and/or provide project output to them through a relevant platform(s). – 15%

6. Academic achievement: GPA and relevance of educational background and coursework to coastal/marine/education/natural resource or related fields. – 15%

7. Letters of recommendation: Letters of recommendation should show that the letter writer knows the student well, confirms their competence, and builds on the applicant's credibility. – 20%

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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!

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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

Proposals & Applications   >   Natural Resource Policy Recommendation Letters

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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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
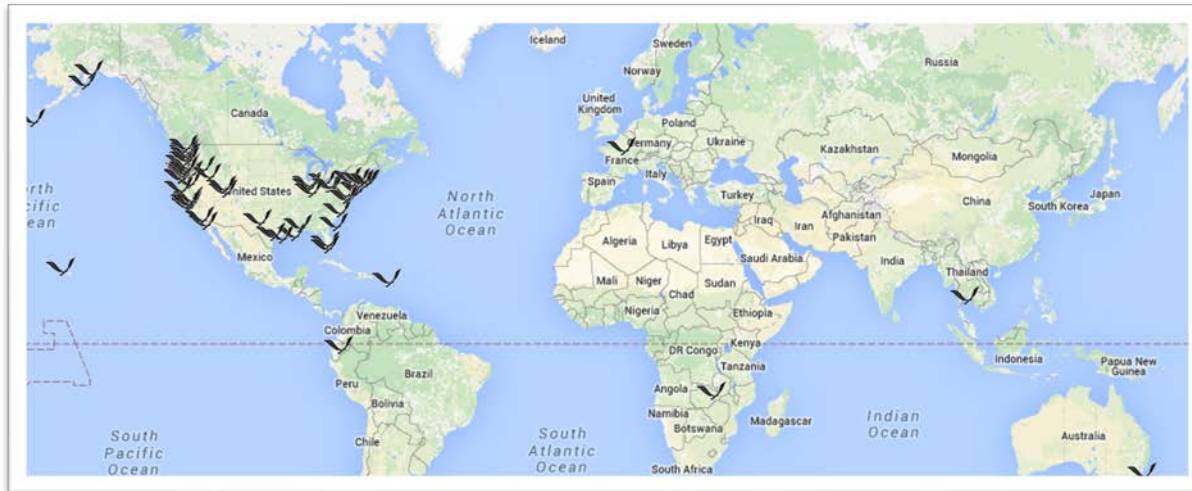this fellowship that you wouldn't get somewhere else.

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

What you get and what you give

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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

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Other Available Fellowships through OSG

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
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