

2019-2020 Oregon Natural Resource Policy Fellowship

Application Deadline: July 12, 5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time

The Oregon Sea Grant College Program is soliciting applications for the 2019-20 Oregon Natural Resource Policy Fellowship. This fellowship is intended to give a student first-hand experience in natural resource policy at the state level. In so doing, the student will contribute to policies that will benefit natural resource managers, stakeholders, and user groups. The Natural Resource Policy Fellowship will place up to three graduate student fellows in an Oregon state agency or nonprofit for one year, starting between August and September 2018, depending on the needs of the student and host office. The student chosen for the fellowship will interview with host offices to find the best fit for the student and the office. If funding permits, additional opportunities may be filled.

The Oregon Sea Grant Scholars Program has focused on broadening participation and diversity by restructuring our recruitment and review processes to make them more equitable. Our intent is to be more inclusive of applicants from various cultural, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds with unique lived experiences, skills and interests; including applicants that may have had fewer opportunities in the marine policy field. In line with initiative, applicants will have the opportunity to demonstrate how their experience with diverse stakeholder groups and communities might apply to this fellowship, and how they think this fellowship will advance their long-term career goals.

Eligible Applicants

Open to graduate students and recent graduates with interest and experience in coastal policy from any U.S. university or college (preference will be given to eligible applicants from a college or university with a physical campus located in Oregon), who have completed their degree within the twelve-month period prior to the time of the fellowship application deadline (degree completed after July 12, 2018) OR are a current student within one year of completing their graduate degree. Preference will be given to those who will have completed their degree by the start of the fellowship. Women and underrepresented minorities are encouraged to apply. Applicants must demonstrate a strong interest and experience in Oregon marine/coastal natural resource policy or other Oregon-specific related fields.

Schedule of Dates:

- Host office fellowship positions posted on the website by: June 10, 2019
- Informational Webinar: June 21, 2019 at 10:00 – 10:30 am PST
 - Register for this webinar here:
<https://oregonstate.zoom.us/meeting/register/b70f76a13ffc1b967510d14dfea9e911>
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.
- Submit intent to apply to eseagrant@oregonstate.edu by June 28, 2019 (strongly preferred) – Include “OSG Natural Resource Policy Fellowship” in the subject line.
- **Application due:** July 12, 2019 by 5:00 pm PST
- Interviews at OSU: early to late- July
- Decision announced: Early August
- Fellowship begins: Late August or September, 2019

- Period of fellowship: one year

Fellowship Award

The length of assignment is for one year and is nonrenewable. The official start date of the fellowship can be flexible to accommodate recipient and host office needs, and can occur between August and September 2019. The fellowship will pay up to \$36,000 for the year in monthly stipend payments. The stipend will provide you with up to \$3,000 per month to cover expenses during your full-time fellowship, which may include fellowship related professional development, educational supplies, health insurance, and travel expenses. All Oregon Sea Grant fellows are required to have health insurance.

How to Apply

Oregon Sea Grant uses eSeaGrant for fellowship application submissions. In order to access this system, we must email eseagrant@oregonstate.edu declaring your interest in applying. Please include "OSG Natural Resource Policy Fellowship" in the subject line. Email registration two weeks prior (June 28) to the application deadline is strongly preferred. Stating your interest does not obligate you to apply. Once you submit your interest in this fellowship, an eSeaGrant account will be created for you. All components of your application, including letters of recommendation, will be submitted through this system. This is a fairly new system that may take some time to learn how to navigate, and we are here to provide assistance as needed; however, please do not wait until the last minute to apply.

Application Requirements

Incomplete and late applications and applications that do not follow the formatting guidelines will not be considered. A complete application will include the following four (4) elements:

1. A current résumé or curriculum vitae (CV). The résumé/CV must be in 12 point font with 1" margins, must not exceed two (2) pages in length, and must include the following:
 - name and contact information (including address, phone number, and email);
 - education history, including current or final GPA;
 - work and volunteer history;
 - any publications;
 - if applicable: any funding support, either current or pending, and any previous awards; and,
 - any other résumé /CV information you wish the reviewers to consider.
2. A personal narrative statement. The statement must be in 12 point font with 1" margins, use 1.5 line spacing, must not exceed three (3) pages in length, and should describe the following:
 - Your interest in and experience with Oregon coastal/marine natural resource policy or other Oregon-specific related fields
 - How the fellowship will advance you towards your future career goals
 - Your experience interacting with diverse communities or stakeholder groups and how this experience will help you succeed as a fellow

- The placement in which you are most interested and why (2019 placements will be available online no later than June 10, 2019)
3. Clear, scanned copies of up-to-date transcripts for all graduate and undergraduate coursework. At the application stage, unofficial copies are acceptable. If you are selected for this fellowship, official transcripts will be required at that time. If possible, please redact your birthdate, social security number, and/or student ID number, if included on your transcript. Please do not have these sent separately, but include the copies of your transcripts with your application.
 4. Two letters of recommendation (one 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. The applicant will request letters of recommendation directly through the eSeaGrant system, and the letter writer will upload their digital letter of recommendation onto eSeaGrant. Make sure your recommendation writers have sufficient time to get the letter to us by or before the application deadline; **letters of recommendation must arrive by the application deadline for the application to be considered.**

2019 Potential Hosts – Position descriptions to be posted no later than **June 10, 2019**

Oregon Sea Grant strongly discourages any contact between applicants and potential host offices before the interview process.

1. **The Nature Conservancy**, Climate and Fisheries Fellow (Portland, OR)
2. **Oregon Coastal Management Program (OCMP)/ Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)**, Federal Waters Policy and Data Fellow (Newport or Salem, OR)
3. **Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife- Marine Reserves Program**, Marine Reserves Human Dimensions Research Fellow (Newport, OR)
4. **Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)- Headquarters: Operations Division**, Pollution Prevention Fellow (Portland, OR)
5. **Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife- Marine Resources Program (MRP)**, Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia (OAH) Marine Policy Fellow (Newport, OR)

Selection Process

A selection team, usually comprised of Oregon Sea Grant staff, a member of the Oregon Sea Grant Advisory Council and another party (such as faculty or agency staff), evaluates each candidate's submitted written material based on these criteria: academic ability; communications skills; diversity and relevance of academic background to the available fellowship opportunity; additional qualifying experience (e.g., relevant work experience); support of recommendation letter writers; benefit of the fellowship to applicant's long term goals, experience interacting with diverse stakeholder groups or communities, and interest in and experience with Oregon marine/coastal natural resource policy or another Oregon-specific related field.

Top candidates will be interviewed in early to mid-July. Interviews will be conducted by members of the selection team and by the Oregon Sea Grant director. The selected candidate(s) will interview with potential host offices of their choice in mid- to late July. The one-year long fellowship is scheduled to

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begin between August and September, depending on the arrangement between the student and the host office.

Find out more about past Oregon Sea Grant Natural Resource Policy Fellows here:

<https://seagrant.oregonstate.edu/fellowships/sea-grant-scholars>

Additional Information

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