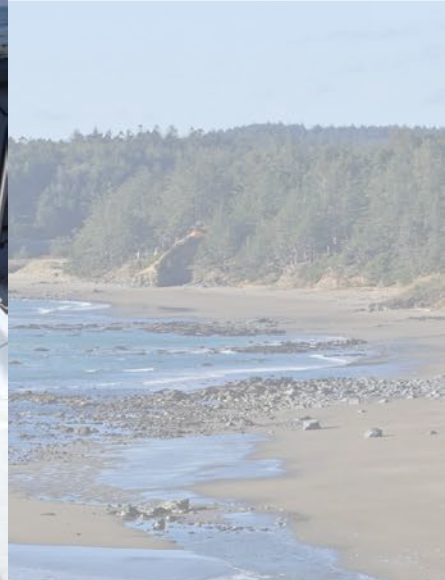


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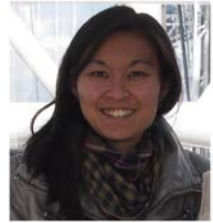


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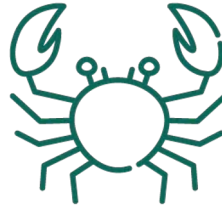


Who is Oregon Sea Grant?

Mission – Oregon Sea Grant envisions a future of thriving coastal communities and ecosystems in Oregon. We spark 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 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 Natural Resource Policy Fellowship

Application Due: November 6, 2023
Fellowship Dates: January 2024-December 2024

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.



2024 OSG Natural Resource Policy Fellowship Positions

Position Title	Host Office	Oregon Location
Restoration Project Impact Analyst for Coastal Watersheds	Tillamook Estuaries Partnership (TEP)	Garibaldi*
Ocean Shore Decision Support Development Fellow	Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD), Central Operations, Ocean Shore Program.	Salem or Seal Rock*
Tribal Algae Taxonomist and Biologist	The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians	Coos Bay, Florence, or Eugene*
CoastWatch Mile Adoption and Co-Science Fellow	Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition, CoastWatch Program	Astoria, Portland, Across Oregon*
Oregon Sea Grant Research & Scholars Program Coordination Fellow	Oregon Sea Grant	Corvallis

*Hybrid working arrangements from an alternative primary location are possible.

Full Host Descriptions are available on the OSG NRPF Website:

<https://seagrant.oregonstate.edu/fellowships/natural-resource-policy-fellowship>



2024 NRPF Fellowship Details

- **Financial details:**
 - NRPF Stipend = at least \$48,000 (\$4,000/month)
 - Covers fellowship-related travel, health insurance, and other expenses.
- **What is the timeline?**
 - 6 October 30, 2023- Declaration of Interest: due to eseagrant@oregonstate.edu
 - **November 6, 2023 by 5:00PM (Pacific) via eSeaGrant-** Applications due
 - Late Nov-Early Dec Oregon Sea Grant interviews
 - Mid December: Decisions announced
 - January 2024- Fellowship begins (one year)



2024 OSG NRPF 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%



Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship

Application Due: February 15, 2024
Fellowship Dates: February 2025-January 2026

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 2023 Fall Term and February 15, 2024;
- 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.



2025 Knauss Fellowship Timeline

Month	Activity
February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Declaration of Interest: requested by February 8, 2024• Student Applications due to the Oregon Sea Grant February 15, 2024 by 5:00 p.m. LOCAL TIME• State Sea Grant programs review packages, interview applicants
March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letters of Intent due to NSGO from State Program March 14, 2024 by 5:00 p.m. EDT• State Sea Grant Programs nominate UP TO 6 applications each to the national competition March 28, 2024 by 11:59 p.m. ED
April/May 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Level Review of Applicants
June 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sea Grant Programs Notified• Finalists notified
July 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finalist welcome workshop• Finalist information/commitment due
August 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All alternates notified
September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Announcement
October/January 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Executive Placement Week/ Legislative Placement Week
February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2025 Fellowship Begins

The 2025 Knauss Application Package

Project Narrative	
TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE STUDENT in 2024	
(1) Curriculum vitae	
(2) Personal Education and Career Development Response	Section Once: Icebreaker
	Section Two: Career Path and Objectives
	Section Three: Career Path Experience
(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-2025-23655.pdf>



Knauss Financial Details

\$71,400 in salary/stipend (including health benefits, taxes, personnel expenses)

\$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)



NOAA Coastal Management Fellowship & Digital Coast Fellowship

Application Due: January 26, 2024
Fellowship Dates: August 2024-2026



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
- **Eligibility:** Any U.S. citizen who will complete a master's or other advanced degree at an accredited U.S. university between August 1, 2022, and July 31, 2024, is eligible to apply. A variety of degrees are applicable to the fellowship because the projects are new and different each year.
- **Fellowship Projects:** Announced soon!

NOAA Coastal Management & Digital Coast Fellowship Timeline

Month	Application Stage
January 2024	Declaration of Interest: requested by January 19 Applications due: January 26, 2024 by 5:00 pm PT via eSeaGrant
February 2024	Top three applicants are forwarded to the NOAA Office of Coastal Management – February 2024
March 2024	Finalists announced at the National Level – March 2024
Late April/ Early May 2024	Matching Workshop in Charleston, SC
August 1, 2024	Fellowship Begins
July 2026	Fellowship Ends

How to Apply: eSeaGrant

- Register for eSeaGrant – email a declaration of interest to eseagrants@oregonstate.edu at least one week prior to application deadline (even if you already have an eSeaGrant account).

Log in at: eseagrants.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!

RFP Call: 2022 Dean John A. Knauss Fellowship
Application ID: 2022 Dean John A. Knauss Fellowship - stephanie ichien (test)

CONTEXT

Knauss Fellowship Letter of Recommendation



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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., x. 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 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

#	Name	Due Date	Task Status	Resend Invite	Request	
1	Letter Writer	02-15-2021 05:00 PM	Not Started	Resend		



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!

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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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