

The Robert E. Malouf Marine Studies Scholarship

Application Deadline: July 24th, 2020, 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time

The Oregon Sea Grant College Program is soliciting applications for the 2020-2021 Robert E. Malouf Studies Scholarship. The Malouf Scholarship is awarded to support graduate students who combine societally relevant research with education or public engagement. The student can be enrolled at any college or university in Oregon while working towards a degree in any field compatible with Oregon Sea Grant's [strategic plan](#). There are no restrictions on the discipline, which may include, but is not limited to: biological, geological, physical and chemical sciences; marine resource management and policy; legal studies; marine resource economics; social sciences; engineering; geology; education or public health. Oregon Sea Grant plans to award two Malouf Scholarships in 2020: one to a Master's or professional student and one to a Ph.D. student.

Oregon Sea Grant, founded in 1968 and established at Oregon State University as a Sea Grant College Program in 1971, supports research, outreach, and education that helps people understand, rationally use, and conserve marine and coastal resources. Oregon Sea Grant activities respond to the needs of ocean stakeholders and act to stimulate the Oregon economy. Dr. Robert Malouf was the director of Oregon Sea Grant from 1991 until his retirement in 2008. Through his outstanding leadership, Dr. Malouf made the Oregon Sea Grant College Program a benchmark among the thirty-three national Sea Grant programs. Dr. Malouf received his Ph.D. in Fisheries from Oregon State University in 1977. His own area of technical expertise is the biology and ecology of marine bivalve mollusks.

The overriding goals of this Scholarship are:

- To honor Dr. Malouf's career and contribution to the Oregon Sea Grant College Program by supporting the efforts of students in marine-related fields whose studies focus on applied research, education, outreach, and broader public engagement with Oregon coastal communities, and in recognition of his own principles, combine these interests.
- To build the nation's future capacity in the marine sciences by providing significant contribution to students seeking advanced degrees in marine-related fields.

Eligible Applicants

The Robert E. Malouf Studies Scholarship is for graduate students – enrolled in (or recently admitted to) a Masters/professional or Ph.D. program as of Fall 2020 in any discipline at any college or university physically located in Oregon – whose emphasis of study is marine-related. Student's research must align with Oregon Sea Grant's mission and focus on Oregon's coastal communities and ecosystems. Masters/professional degree students must be in the first year, or just beginning (i.e. in the first term of) the second year of their degree program at the time of award (Fall 2020). Ph.D. students can be in the first, second, or just beginning (i.e. in the first term of) the third year of their degree program at the time of award (Fall 2020). If you are unsure of your eligibility, we encourage you to contact Stephanie Ichien (stephanie.ichien@oregonstate.edu) at Oregon Sea Grant before putting your application together to discuss and clarify your eligibility. If you have applied before, did not receive the scholarship, and are still within the eligibility requirements, we recommend applying again.

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

line with this 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.

Schedule of Dates:

- Informational Webinar: June 19, 2020 at 10:00 – 10:30 am PST
 - Register for this webinar here: <https://beav.es/4LM>
 - After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.
- Submit intent to apply to eseagrant@oregonstate.edu by July 10, 2020 (strongly preferred) - Include "OSG Malouf Scholarship" in subject line
- **Application due: July 24, 2020 by 5:00 pm PST**
- Interviews at OSU: early August
- Decision announced: mid-late August
- Scholarship begins: Fall 2020
- Period of scholarship: one year

Scholarship Award

The 2020-2021 award amount is not to exceed \$10,800 dispersed in 12 monthly payments of \$900 beginning September or October 2020. The scholarship is for one year and is not renewable; no individual will receive the scholarship more than once.

The scholarship may be used for tuition, supplies, research, travel for field work, attendance at professional and academic meetings, or general living expenses. How funds are used is at the discretion of the recipient.

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 5 elements:

1. Current résumé or curriculum vitae (CV). The résumé/CV must be in 12 point Times New Roman font with 1" margins, must not exceed two (2) pages in length, and must include the following elements, as applicable:
 - name and contact information (including address, phone number, and email);
 - education history and GPA;
 - work and volunteer history;
 - any publications;
 - any funding support, either current or pending, and any previous awards or honors; and,
 - any other résumé /CV information you wish the reviewers to consider.

2. Personal Narrative statement. The narrative statement must be in 12 point Times New Roman font with 1" margins, 1.5 line-spacing, and must not exceed three (3) pages in length and should describe the following:
 - Your career plans to the extent that you know them now, as well as how your career goals align with the goals of the Malouf Scholarship (i.e., How will the Malouf Scholarship help you achieve your goals?)
 - The focus and relevance of your graduate research, studies, and professional goals to the [mission](#) of Oregon Sea Grant

- Your research topic and methods and the education/outreach/ public engagement component of the project (or how the project or results will be used to engage the public)
- Your experience interacting with diverse communities or stakeholder groups and how this experience will inform your research or education/outreach/ public engagement component of the project

For your application to be successful, your graduate research should be on an applied (rather than theoretical) topic, be societally relevant, and have a strong outreach/public engagement component. If there is anything in your application that might be unclear, particularly if it pertains to eligibility, please use the Personal Narrative to articulate and explain the situation.

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 scholarship, official transcripts will be required at that time. If possible, please redact your birthdate, social security number, and/or student ID number redacted, if included on your transcript. Please do not have these sent separately, but include the copies of your transcripts with your application.
4. If your current enrollment is not reflected in your graduate transcripts, please provide a separate letter of confirmation from your department (or college if there is no department) substantiating your enrollment status or your acceptance as a full-time student in good standing for Fall term, 2020. Applications may be submitted prior to enrollment in your graduate program, as long as the confirmation letter verifies you have been accepted into your department (or college).
5. Two letters of recommendation, one from your major professor, and the second letter from anyone of your choosing who can speak to your past academic/research performance, your outreach and engagement experience, and/or your suitability for the scholarship. 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.**

How to Apply

Oregon Sea Grant uses eSeaGrant for scholarship applications submission. In order to access this system, you must email eseagrants@oregonstate.edu declaring your interest in applying. Please include "OSG Malouf Scholarship" in the subject line. Email registration at least one week prior (July 10th) to the application deadline is strongly preferred. Stating your interest does not obligate you to apply. Once you submit your interest in this scholarship, 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.

Selection Process

Applications are reviewed by a selection committee, usually comprised of 3-5 people appointed by the Research and Scholars Program Leader. Applicants are judged on the quality of writing and ability to articulate academic and professional experiences as they align with this Scholarship, the Oregon Sea

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Grant mission, and their long term goals; dedication to societally relevant scholarship and the education, outreach, and engagement elements of their projects; experience with people from diverse backgrounds; and, scholastic achievement and potential as evidenced by academic records and letters of support. After reviewing all eligible applications, the selection committee will interview the top candidates in early August. Interviews will be conducted by members of the selection team and by the Oregon Sea Grant Director.

Award Requirements

The recipient(s) of the scholarship will be part of Oregon Sea Grant's Scholars Program and will be asked to represent Oregon Sea Grant. The recipient provides the Sea Grant office with quarterly updates on their academic progress and status. These quarterly updates may be posted to the Oregon Sea Grant [Scholars blog](#). The recipient will also submit a final project report narrative when the scholarship ends and will also provide Sea Grant with an electronic copy of their thesis or project paper upon completion of their degree program. In addition, the recipient may be asked to present their scholarship work in academic or other settings or asked to serve on Scholar review panels.

Recipients must meet the minimum enrollment requirements for their program of study. Please notify Oregon Sea Grant of any changes to your enrollment status. Monthly payments will cease if the recipient is no longer a full-time graduate student in good standing with their department, college, and/or university. Please note, Malouf Scholarship awardees must declare any federal funding support received during the Scholarship period.

Additional Information

For additional information about the Malouf Scholarship, contact:

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