



Oregon Sea Grant
The Robert E. Malouf Marine Studies Scholarship
Application Deadline: July 26th, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

The Oregon Sea Grant College Program is soliciting applications for the 2024-2025 Robert E. Malouf Marine 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 2024: 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 as a catalyst that promotes discovery, understanding, and resilience for Oregon coastal communities and ecosystems. Oregon Sea Grant activities respond to the needs of ocean constituents 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-four 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 contributions 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 2023 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 2024). 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 2024). If you are unsure of your eligibility, you can 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. Previous Malouf Scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply. International students may be subject to additional taxes on your stipend, depending on US tax treaties.

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, abilities, and interests; including applicants that may have had fewer opportunities in the marine policy field. In line with this initiative, applicants will have the opportunity to demonstrate how their experience with diverse groups and communities might apply to this fellowship, and how they think this fellowship will advance their long-term career goals. Learn more about Oregon Sea Grant's diversity, equity, justice, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIJA) work: <https://seagrant.oregonstate.edu/diversity>

Additional Information

More about current [Oregon Sea Grant Malouf Marine Studies Scholarship](#) and [application resources](#) are available on the Oregon Sea Grant website.

Schedule of Dates:

- **June 14, 2024 at 1:00-1:30PM PST:** Informational Q&A on current OSG student opportunities—informational webinar recording will be shared on the [OSG Fellowship Announcements Listserv](#) prior to this Q&A session. Sign up for the listserv using the provided link.
 - Register for this Q&A Session here: <https://oregonstate.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAsdO-uqDopEtIMF9ldog6TUP8b3G-TeFFH>
 - After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.
 - If you are unable to make this time, please reach out to [Stephanie Ichien](#) with any questions about OSG's student opportunities.
- July 19, 2024: Submit intent to apply to eseagrant@oregonstate.edu - Include "OSG Malouf Scholarship" in subject line. eSeaGrant registration is required (even if you already have an eSeaGrant account), and expressing intent to apply by the registration deadline is strongly preferred, but not required.
- **July 26, 2024 by 5:00 pm PST: Application due via eSeaGrant:**
 - late August: Interviews
 - Early September: Decision announced
 - October 1, 2024: Scholarship begins
 - Period of scholarship: one year (non-renewable)

Scholarship Award

The 2024-2025 award amount is not to exceed \$12,000 dispersed in 12 monthly payments of \$1,000 beginning October 1, 2024. 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 (phone number and email);
 - education history and GPA;
 - work and volunteer history;
 - any publications and/or presentations;
 - 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.
 - Sample [résumés](#) and [CVs](#) from the Oregon State University Career Development Center may be helpful.
2. A personal narrative statement. This statement should **be your original**, written work. Any background materials should be referenced and cited appropriately. The “References Cited” do not count towards the page limit. Please contact us with any questions. 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 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 of your graduate research, studies, and professional goals and relevance 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 interested parties and how this experience will inform your research or education/outreach/public engagement component of the project
- How will Malouf Scholarship funds be used, and how they will enhance your research, outreach, education, engagement, and overall career plan?

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. The [Oregon Sea Grant Guidance on Effective Partner Engagement and Outreach Plans](#) may be a useful resource.

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. The section below on the “Selection Process” (p.4) provides additional detail on how your application will be reviewed relative to these prompts.

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, 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, 2024. 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](#) (linked LOR tips & tricks), 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 eseagrant@oregonstate.edu declaring your interest in applying. Please include “OSG Malouf Scholarship” in the subject line. eSeaGrant registration is required (even if you already have an eSeaGrant account), and expressing intent to apply by July 19, registration deadline is strongly preferred, but not required. 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 as some sections require more time to request/submit (e.g. letters of recommendation).

Selection Process

Applications are reviewed by a selection committee, usually composed of 3-5 people appointed by the Oregon Sea Grant Research and Scholars Team. Your application is judged on the quality of writing and your ability to articulate academic and professional experiences as they align with this Scholarship, the Oregon Sea Grant mission, and your long-term goals; dedication to societally relevant scholarship and the education, outreach, and engagement elements of your project; experience with people from diverse backgrounds; and scholastic achievement and potential as evidenced by academic records and letters of support. Applications will be reviewed based on the following criteria. A [comprehensive review criteria matrix](#) provides additional detail on the evaluation process (link provided in the text and available on the [OSG Malouf Scholarship](#) website).

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, for example, what new skills and experiences will the applicant gain by participating in this program? In addition, their long-term goals should align with the mission of OSG. – 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. Experiences can include study abroad, volunteer opportunities, work experiences, lived experiences, etc. – 15%
4. Societally relevant applied research/scholarship - focuses on OR coast communities or ecosystems: Research that is applied rather than theoretical will be relevant to Oregon coastal communities. The project should result in new tools, methods, and/or knowledge that will contribute to solving a current marine/coastal issue in Oregon. – 15%

5. How and who research engages - education and engagement included in project: The project should clearly define interested parties for 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%

**Diversity refers to persons from various cultural, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds that contribute a diverse perspective stemming from various lived experiences, skills, abilities, and interests.*

After reviewing all eligible applications, the selection committee will interview the top candidates in early September. 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 upcoming Scholar review panels. Additional documents may be requested from successful applicants.

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.

For additional information about the Malouf Scholarship, contact:

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