

## **2018-19 Oregon Sea Grant Natural Resource Policy Fellowship**

### ***Application Deadline:***

***September 6, 2018, 5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time***

The Oregon Sea Grant College Program is soliciting applications for a 2018-19 Natural Resource Policy Fellow. 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.

This Natural Resource Policy Fellowship will place one graduate student fellow with Oregon Sea Grant (Corvallis, OR) to support Oregon's Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) for one year, beginning in October 2018.

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 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.

### **Eligible Applicants**

Eligible applicants are graduate students, from any U.S. college or university, who have completed their degree within the eight-month period prior to the time of the fellowship application deadline (after December 2017) 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 groups are encouraged to apply. Applicants must demonstrate a strong interest and experience in marine/coastal natural resource policy or related fields.

### **Schedule of Dates:**

- Submit intent to apply to [eseagrant@oregonstate.edu](mailto:eseagrant@oregonstate.edu) by August 31, 2018 (strongly preferred) – Include "OSG Natural Resource Policy Fellowship" in the subject line.
- **Application due:** September 6, 2018 by 5:00 pm PST
- **Interviews:** The week of September 10
- **Decision announced:** The week of September 17
- **Fellowship begins:** September 24, 2018 (In-person availability in Oregon by October 22)
- **Period of fellowship:** one year

### **Fellowship Award**

The length of assignment is for one year and is nonrenewable. The fellowship will pay \$32,400 for the year in monthly stipend payments. The stipend will provide \$2,700 per month to cover expenses during the 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, you must email [eseagrants@oregonstate.edu](mailto:eseagrants@oregonstate.edu) declaring your interest in applying. Please include "OSG Natural Resource Policy Fellowship" in the subject line. An email to register for eSeaGrant in advance of the application deadline (by August 31) 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 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 and experience in coastal/marine natural resource policy or 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
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 may arrive after the application deadline, and will be accepted until September 10 for full consideration.**

### **Selection Process**

A selection team, comprised of Oregon Sea Grant 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 and experience in marine/coastal natural resource policy or a related field.

Top candidates will be interviewed the week of September 10. Interviews will be conducted by members of the selection team and by the Oregon Sea Grant director.

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

<http://seagrant.oregonstate.edu/education/sea-grant-scholars/meet-scholars>

### **Additional Information**

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