

2019 NMFS-Sea Grant Fellowship Opportunities Are Open



The federal funding opportunities (FFOs) for the two joint NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)-Sea Grant fellowships are now open on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov): [Population and Ecosystem Dynamics](#) and [Marine Resource Economics](#). The fellowships are available to graduate students enrolled in Ph.D. degree programs at academic institutions in the United States and territories.

Interested applicants should check out the [NMFS-Sea Grant Fellowships page](#) on the National Sea Grant website for information about the program and instructions on applying. The page also includes information and resources for applicants who are studying in regions either without a Sea Grant program or a NOAA Fisheries Science Center.



USC Sea Grant Trains the Next Generation of Seafloor Mappers

A partnership between USC Sea Grant and NOAA gave three graduate students the opportunity to learn about seafloor mapping aboard the NOAA Ship *Rainier*. The new Mappers-In-Training program recruited applicants from around the country to spend nine days mapping the seafloor around the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary.

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Virginia Sea Grant Helps Build a Resilient Virginia

With the theme of "Building a Resilient Virginia," the Virginia Coastal Policy Center's sixth annual conference opened with a discussion of the challenges facing Virginia and concluded with promises of action from Governor Ralph Northam, who signed an executive order to increase the

state's resiliency.



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Nature Enthusiasts and Wildlife to Benefit from Statewide Investment

Pennsylvania Sea Grant and the Lake Erie Region Conservancy were awarded grants to conserve 270 acres of land, protect critical wildlife habitat, and provide over 6,000 feet of stream access for anglers.

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Funding and Career Opportunities

Special Projects Announcement: Undergraduate Population and Ecosystem Dynamics Workshop: Sea Grant, NMFS, and the NOAA Office of Education anticipate funding a cooperative agreement to develop one or more Undergraduate Population and Ecosystem Dynamics Workshops. Applications are due **January 23, 2019**, and [an informational webinar](#) will be held **December 18, 2018**. [More info](#)

Regional Ocean Acidification Observing Optimization Study: The NOAA Ocean Acidification Program (OAP) is soliciting proposals for studies investigating ocean acidification monitoring strategies. Letters of intent are due **January 7, 2019**. [More info](#)

NOAA Coastal Management Fellowship: [Six projects](#) were selected for the [2019 NOAA Coastal Management Fellowship Program](#), and it is now open to applicants. Applications are due to Sea Grant programs by **January 18, 2019**.

Diversity Joint Venture for Conservation Careers website: [A new website](#) has resources to help increase diversity in the conservation field, including links to job boards and internships, articles, and videos for students from underrepresented groups interested in a career in conservation, along with employer resources about the benefits of a diverse workforce.

University of Georgia Graduate Recruitment Event: The purpose of the Diversity Recruitment Event is to create opportunities for participants to interact with potential graduate advisors and graduate students and learn more about applying for graduate school and fellowship programs. Applications are due **December 1, 2018**. [More info](#).

New Opportunities Posted to the Sea Grant Careers Page: Check out the Sea Grant [careers page](#) and follow [Florida Sea Grant on Facebook](#) for their weekly Jobs Roundup.

Helping Our Partners Spread the Word

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) Seeks Input: [BOEM](#) invites input on study areas for its Fiscal Year 2020-2022 Development Plan. Ideas must be relevant to BOEM's information requirements in the areas of biological, oceanographic (physical and chemical), traditional knowledge, and social sciences, including economic and cultural research. Examples of topics and priorities that will facilitate the bureau's decision-making needs can be found on BOEM's National Studies List for [FY 2019](#). Suggestions can be submitted to BOEMEnviroStudies@boem.gov by **December 20, 2018**.

International Marine Bioinvasions Survey: Researchers have launched an international survey to identify priority issues relative to marine bioinvasions. The survey can be completed [here](#).

Open Positions on Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee: NOAA Fisheries is seeking nominations to fill vacancies on the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC). [More info](#)

In Case You Missed It: The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and NOAA announced \$28.9 million in grants for the [2018 National Coastal Resilience Fund](#), including projects in North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, and Puerto Rico.

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