



California Sea Grant 2016 State Fellowship

Informational Webinar

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****NOTE: There will be webinar on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 from 3 – 4pm to go over this presentation and answer questions.**

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Webinar Objectives

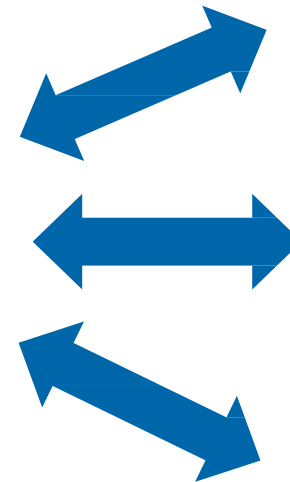
- * To briefly provide overview of California Sea Grant and Sea Grant network
- * To describe in detail the state fellowship program opportunity offered through California Sea Grant
- * Go over important application components and tips on preparation
- * Answer questions that potential applicants may have

National Sea Grant College Program

- * Partnership Program
- * Regional networks
- * Locally-based infrastructure



33 University-based programs



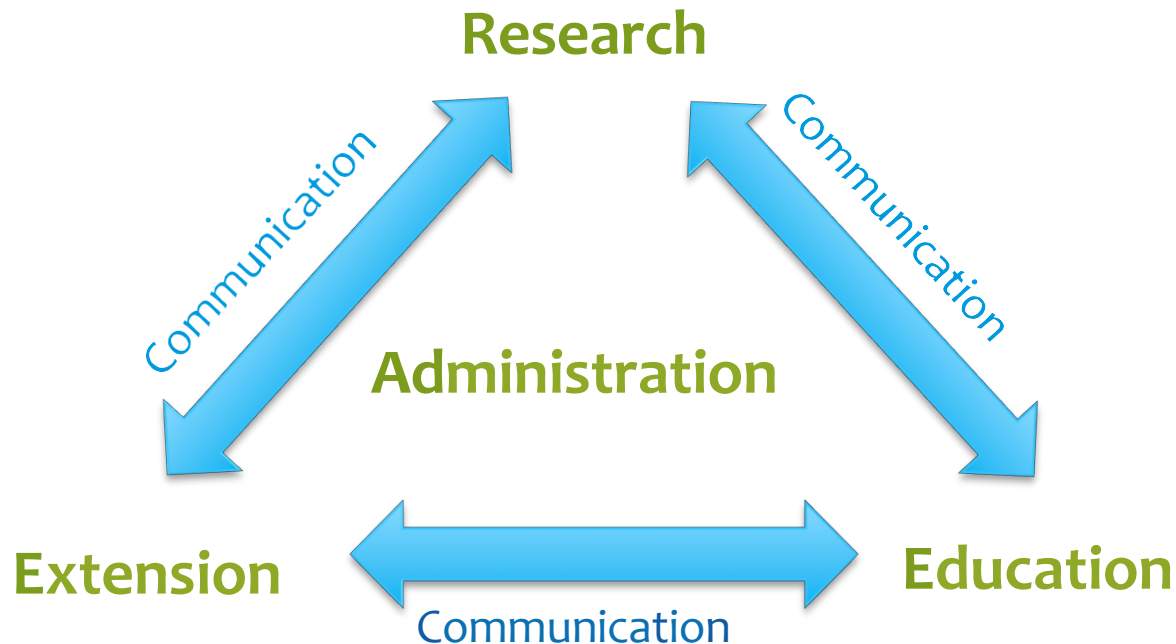
Private Sector

States

300 partner Institutions

1966 SG Legislative Mandates

- * National Sea Grant College and Program Act of 1966
 - * Authorized the establishment and operation of SG colleges/programs
 - * Initiate and support programs of research, extension, education and workforce development, and communication



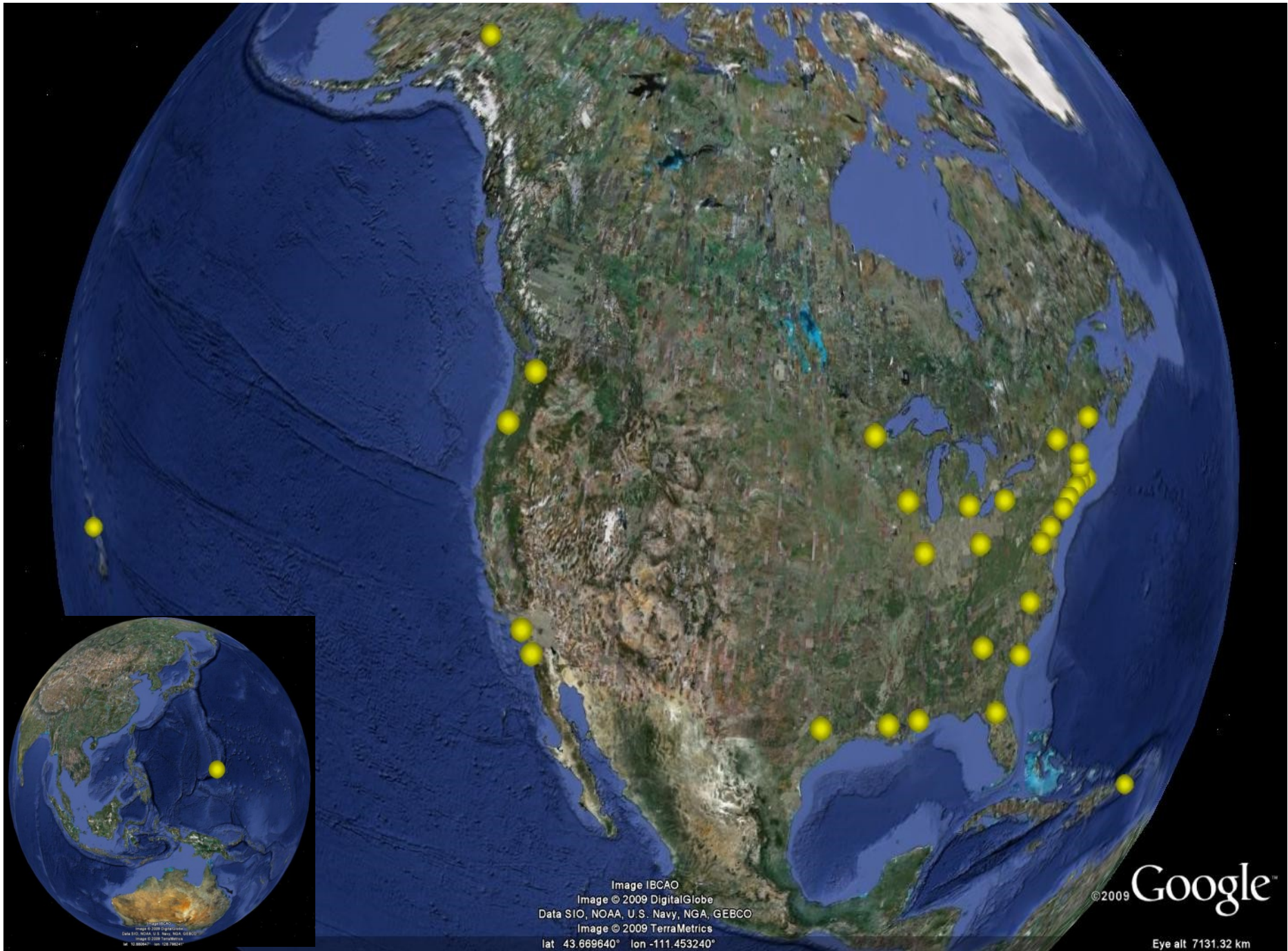


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Sea Grant Programs in California



Questions?

Sea Grant Fellowships

- * **Work Force Development Goal: Increase research and education opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students**

Educating the next generation of marine and coastal scientist and policy markers.

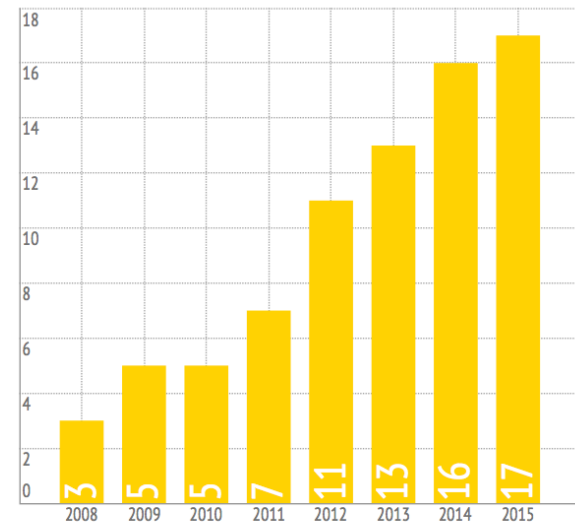
- * **Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship**
- * **CA Sea Grant State Fellowship**
- * **NOAA Coastal Services Center Coastal Management Fellowship**

<http://www.csc.noaa.gov/cms/fellows.html>

CA Sea Grant State Fellowships

- * Modeled after the Knauss Fellowship Program
- * Provides a one-year fellowship in a California state or federal agency to learn about implementation of marine policy and management in CA
- * Recently finished MS, PhD or JD students in marine or aquatic-related field at CA universities are eligible
- * Supported 118 State Fellows since program inception in 1988

Number of CASG State Fellows



CASG State Fellows Class 2015 (1)

- * **California Department of Fish & Wildlife, Aquaculture Program**

Jonathan “Toffer” MacKay, CSULA

- * **California Department of Fish & Wildlife, Marine Region**

Alisan Amrhein, UCSB/Bren

- * **California Coastal Commission**

Lauren Garsky, UC Davis (Climate Change)

Elena Perez, UCSD/SIO (Technical)

- * **California Coastal Conservancy**

Jocelyn Christie, UCSB/Bren (South Coast Program)

Brenna Mahoney Rudd, UCSC (Climate)

- * **California Ocean Protection Council**

Nick Sadrpour, CSUMB (Climate Change)

Morgan Ivens-Duran, Calpoly SLO (MPAs)



CASG State Fellows Class 2015 (2)

- * **CA State Lands Commission**
Nicole Russell, UCSC
- * **Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary**
Morgan Visalli, UCSB/Bren
- * **Delta Science Program**
Jahnava Duryea, MLML – SJSU (ISB)
Daniel Livsey, UCSB (Science Plan)
San Windell, CSUMB (Interagency Ecological Program)
- * **San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development (BCDC)**
Heather Perry, UCSB/Bren
- * **State Water Resources Control Board**
Kim Tenggardjaja, UCSC
- * **NOAA Fisheries – Office of Aquaculture, West Coast Region**
Annalisa Batanides,UCD
- * **NOAA Sentinal Site (2 year fellowship)**
Maya Hayden, UC Berkeley

State Fellowship Schedule

Class 2016

- * **June 2015:** Call for fellowship hosts
- * **July 2015:** Host applications due
- * **August 2015:** Hosts confirmed; call for fellowship applicants
- * **September 24 2015:** Applications due
- * **Sept - October 2015:** CASG interviews eligible, most-qualified candidates to select finalists (Skype, in-person or phone); finalists' applications distributed to participating hosts
- * **November 16 -17:** Matching workshop with hosts and finalists in Sacramento, CA
- * **January – March 2016:** Start of fellowship (start date may be negotiated between Fellow and Host)

State Fellowship Award (2016)

- * CASG administers \$47,700 per State Fellow
 - * \$43,200 for stipend and living expenses
 - * \$2,500 to cover health insurance reimbursement (fellow must be named and the payer on policy)
 - * \$2,000 to cover travel
 - * Matching workshop related expenses
 - * Fellowship related activities (meetings, workshops, symposia, SG Extension meeting)
 - * At its discretion a host agency can add to this amount

Participating Fellowships Hosts 2016

23 Fellowship Opportunities

- * California Coastal Commission (2 positions)
- * California Coastal Conservancy (2 positions)
- * California Department of Fish and Wildlife Aquaculture Program
- * California Department of Fish and Wildlife Marine Region (2 positions)
- * California Ocean Protection Council (2 positions)
- * California Ocean Science Trust
- * California State Parks
- * CA State Lands Commission
- * Delta Science Program (4 positions)
- * NOAA Aquaculture Program
- * NOAA Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (2 positions)
- * NOAA NMSF: Southwest Fisheries Science Center
- * State Water Resources Control Board
- * Office of the Lt. Governor Newsom
- * Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP)

Questions?

Application

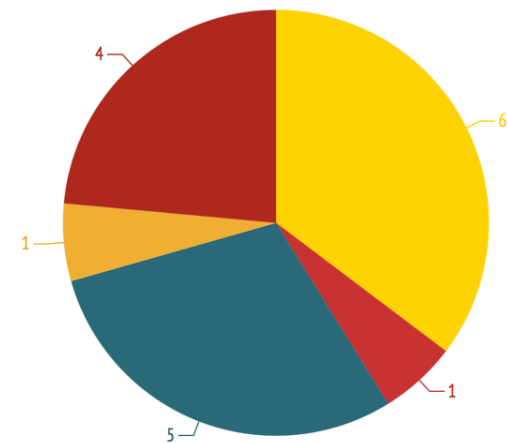
- * Curriculum Vitae (2 pages max)
- * A personal education and career goal statement (1000 words max)
- * Two letters of recommendation
- * Copy of undergraduate and graduate student transcripts.
Unofficial copies will be accepted.

Eligibility

- * Graduate students at a California university close to completing their degree, or recently graduated (graduation date after May 1, 2014)

Fellows must complete all degree requirements before starting the fellowship (if you won't be finished before April 2016 apply next year)

2015 State Fellows: Graduate Degree Earned



Ph.D. J.D. MS (Master of Science)
MAS (Master of Adv. Studies)
MESM (Master of Environmental Sc...)

State Fellowship Selection

- * Selection criteria include:
 - * academic ability,
 - * communication skills,
 - * diversity and appropriateness of academic background,
 - * additional qualifying experience, and
 - * support of referees.
- * Fellowship assignments based on interviews and ranking of preferences by both the finalists and participating hosts at a mandatory matching workshop (in Sacramento, November 16-17, 2015). Finalists must attend
- * Placement to a specific host cannot be guaranteed

Tips for application preparation (1)

View the application package as pieces of a ***jigsaw puzzle*** that reflect the best and complete picture of who you are. In most cases, the electronic application, and not the interview with Sea Grant, will determine if you will be selected as a member of the fellowship class. So every piece of the puzzle counts!

Tips for application preparation (2)

* Curriculum Vitae

- * Diversity of activities, classes, extracurricular awards, and volunteer activities are good to show
- * Consider including relevant experiences, even if they are not in marine science or policy; especially if the experience demonstrates leadership, project management, communication or people skills
- * Do not list all relevant coursework (the transcripts will reflect all courses)
- * Types of publications and presentations
- * Do not exceed TWO pages using 12 pt. font with 1 inch margins; choose your words and items carefully

Tips for application preparation (3)

- * A personal education and career goal statement (1000 words or less)
 - * Addressing how your past experiences relate to the Fellowship is important, but also address how, as a result of this experience, your career could be enhanced
 - * Do not narrate your CV, use this piece to highlight or describe something in the CV more in depth or something else all together
 - * The statement demonstrates your writing skill, thought process, your interests and passions, and most importantly, why you want to become a State Fellow

Tips for Application preparation (4)

- * Two letters of recommendation
 - * The strength and quality of the letter are more important than who wrote it
 - * Make sure to ask the people who know you best and think highly of you
 - * Template letters with name, course title, and grade will pretty much ensure that you will not be selected as one of the finalists
 - * Letter from your advisor - the emphasis should be on you, and not solely about your thesis project
 - * **To preserve confidentiality, letters of recommendations should be sent directly to our office.** Letters can be sent as attachments in emails to sgfellow@ucsd.edu or faxed to our office at 858-534-2231.
- * Copy of undergraduate and graduate student transcripts (unofficial is OK)

Selection considerations

- * Was the Goal Statement specific, direct, and concise while discussing what the applicant would bring to and gain from the Fellowship?
- * Was a career or life goal stated?
- * Did the applicant have volunteer and extracurricular activities?
- * Did the recommendation letters demonstrate knowledge of the applicant and his/her abilities? Did they know the applicant more than as a participant in a class? Was the 2nd letter from a diverse activity (not from 2 professors working in one lab)?
- * Did the applicant have a diverse background including a diversity of classes (balanced and appropriate coursework)?
- * What was the strength of the academic achievement?
- * How much marine and aquatic science and /or policy experience did the applicant have?
- * Was the publication or presentation record relevant to the applicant's career stage?
- * Were acronyms defined?
- * Were there misspelled words and/or grammatical errors?

Additional Information

*** CA Sea Grant Fellowship Guidebook:**

- How to prepare for the Matching Workshop
- Highlights unfamiliar regions and neighborhoods close to agency offices
- Answers the major questions previous Fellows had asked

<https://caseagrant.ucsd.edu/sites/default/files/CASG.Fellows.Guidebook.pdf>

*** Meet the 2015 California Sea Grant State Fellows:**

<https://caseagrant.ucsd.edu/fellowships/past-fellowship-opportunities/state-fellowship>

*** Thank You Ocean Report Podcast: California “Next Generation” of Ocean Leaders:**

<http://thankyouocean.org/californias-next-generation-of-ocean-leaders/>

*** CA Sea Grant 2013 State Fellows Video Contest:**

<https://caseagrant.ucsd.edu/news/california-sea-grant-2013-state-fellows-video-contest-winners-announced>

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