



## California Sea Grant State Fellowship 2019

The California Sea Grant College Program is soliciting applications for the 2019 California State Fellows Program. The State Fellows Program provides a unique educational opportunity for graduate students who are interested in marine, coastal, and/or watershed resources and in the decisions affecting those resources in California. Modeled after the highly successful [Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship Program](#), the State Fellows Program provides an opportunity to acquire "on the job" experience in the planning, implementation and management of marine, coastal, and/or watershed resource policies and programs in the state of California. The program matches highly motivated and qualified graduate students and recent graduates with "hosts" in state, federal or municipal agencies in California for a 12-month paid fellowship (\$3,905 per month).

**Application Deadline: August 31, 2018, 11:59 PM PST**

**\*\*NOTE:** There will be an optional informational webinar about this fellowship program along with applications tips on **Wednesday, August 8 from 1 pm–2 pm.**

To register, go to <https://ucsd.zoom.us/meeting/register/a900808db697ef4d7c24e00bf0acd2b8>

Registration is required before joining this webinar. This presentation will be recorded and made available on the Sea Grant website.

\*If this is your first time using Zoom, we encourage you to login at least 5 minutes before the webinar starts, as you may need to download software.

### Eligibility

Applications may be submitted by a graduate student close to completing his/her degree (Masters, Ph.D., or J.D) in a field related to conservation, management, protection, stewardship, public policy, or law of marine, coastal, and/or watershed environments, or areas that impact those environments, at a California university. Graduate students who recently completed their degree at a California university with graduation date [i.e. date the degree was awarded by the university] after May 1, 2017 are also eligible to apply. Applicants should address their degree of interest and experience in either marine/coastal/watershed science, natural resource management, public policy, and/or law. **Fellows must complete all degree requirements before starting the fellowship.**

Sea Grant is committed to increasing the diversity of the Sea Grant workforce and of the communities we serve. Sea Grant embraces individuals of all ages, races, ethnicities, national origins, gender identities, sexual orientations, disabilities, cultures, religions, citizenship types, marital statuses, job classifications, veteran status types, and income, and socioeconomic status types. Sea Grant is committed to building inclusive research, extension, communication and education programs that serve people with unique backgrounds, circumstances, needs, perspectives and ways of thinking.

### Stipend and Expenses

Each fellow will receive \$46,860 in stipend for the twelve-month assignment (\$3,905/month). Additional funds will be available for health insurance reimbursement (\$3,120) and to cover travel for the matching workshop, state fellow's in-person meeting, and fellowship related travel (\$2,400). Additional travel associated with the fellowship may be covered by the host agency at the agency's discretion.

### Length of Assignment

The length of assignment is 12 months (non-renewable). The fellowship will begin in early winter between January 2019 through March 2019, though other schedules may be arranged.

## Application

A complete application will include:

1. Personal and academic curriculum vitae (not to exceed two pages using 12-point font).
2. A personal education and career goal statement that emphasizes the applicant's abilities and interests, and the applicant's expectations of the career development experience (1,000 words or less).
3. Two letters of professional recommendation, including one from the student's major professor. If no major professor exists, the faculty member who is most familiar with the applicant academically may be substituted.
4. Copies of all undergraduate and graduate student transcripts. Unofficial copies will be accepted.

## How to Submit an Application

The electronic files comprising your application must be submitted as PDFs using eSeaGrant, California Sea Grant's online submission portal:

<http://eseagrant2.ucsd.edu>

You will need to register for an account (click on the banner labeled "Register") in eSeaGrant if you have not done so in the past year. You can change the randomly generated password once you log in successfully into the website. To apply for this fellowship, follow [eSeaGrant instructions](#) specific for this opportunity.

Please make sure to include your last name in the file names for each section of the proposal (e.g., Smith\_statement.pdf or Smith\_cv.pdf). When naming the document please do not use apostrophes. Once submitted through the website, PDFs may not be edited. To change a PDF, it must be deleted and resubmitted.

**IMPORTANT:** To maintain confidentiality, letters of recommendation may be submitted directly from the referee to CASG through eSeaGrant and must be submitted by the application deadline to be considered. Letters may also be emailed to [sgfellow@ucsd.edu](mailto:sgfellow@ucsd.edu). Please address letters to Dr. James Eckman, Director, California Sea Grant. Late submissions may lead to the rejection of incomplete applications. Candidates are encouraged to work with referees to meet the deadline.

For electronic files larger than 6 MB, contact [sgfellow@ucsd.edu](mailto:sgfellow@ucsd.edu) to make other arrangements.

Only Acrobat documents (pdf) are accepted.

For technical issues with submitting your application through eSeaGrant please contact Miho Ligare at [miligare@ucsd.edu](mailto:miligare@ucsd.edu) or (858) 534-1160.

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**NOTE: the eSeaGrant proposal portal will close at the date and time stated above, and late applications (even 1 minute late) cannot be accepted. It is your responsibility to get materials submitted before the deadline.**

## Hosts

Participating hosts for the 2019 class (25 fellowship opportunities total):

- San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
- California Coastal Commission - Climate Change Emphasis
- California Sea Grant
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife - Habitat Conservation Program (Marine Region), Artificial Reefs
- Delta Science Program - Science-Based Adaptive Management Unit
- Delta Science Program - Collaborative Science and Peer Review Unit

- Delta Science Program - Science Communication, Synthesis, and Decision Support Unit
- Delta Stewardship Council - Planning and Performance Division
- California Fish and Game Commission
- Monterey Bay Aquarium - Policy
- Monterey Bay Aquarium - Research Conservation
- NOAA Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary
- NOAA NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center
- California Ocean Protection Council - Climate Change Program
- California Ocean Protection Council - Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Program
- San Francisco Estuary Partnership
- State Coastal Conservancy - Climate Ready Program
- State Coastal Conservancy - Coastal Restoration Program
- California State Lands Commission - 2 Fellowship Opportunities
- California Department of Parks and Recreation - Natural Resources Division
- State Water Resources Control Board - Division of Water Quality
- State Water Resources Control Board - Office of Information Management and Analysis
- Port of San Diego - 2 Fellowship Opportunities in Planning and Green Port

## Selection

Selection of finalists (Class 2019) is made by senior staff of the California Sea Grant College Program based upon review of written application materials and interviews (in person, Skype, or phone) of a subset of applicants. Selection criteria used by California Sea Grant include: academic ability, communication skills, diversity and appropriateness of academic background, career goals, additional qualifying experience, and support of referees. Fellowship assignments for the Class of 2019 will be based on interviews and ranking of preferences by both the finalists and participating hosts at a mandatory two-day matching workshop in Sacramento (October 30-31, 2018. Travel costs reimbursed). Consequently, placement to a specific host cannot be guaranteed.

## 2018 – 2019 Timetable

**August 31 (11:59 pm PDT):** Applications due to the California Sea Grant Office

**September 4 – 27 (approximate):** Interviews for selection of finalists by California Sea Grant

**September 28 (approximate):** Finalists are notified of status and finalist's applications distributed to participating hosts

**October 30 – 31:** Matching workshop in Sacramento with hosts and fellowship finalists. Attendance is mandatory.

**November 13 (approximate) –** Fellow/host pairings announced

**January 2019 – March 2019:** Fellowship begins (date negotiated between fellow and host agency)

## Contacts

For additional information about the State Fellows program (or the Dean John A. Knauss National Sea Grant Fellowship, which matches graduate students with federal "hosts" in Washington, D.C.), please contact:

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## Past Fellowship Experiences

Read the [fellows](#) blog and [learn about](#) their agency placements and experiences.

Watch the 2016 State Fellow's [video](#).