CALIFORNIA SEA GRANT
2023 STATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR

WELCOME!

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Housekeeping

● Use Q&A feature (no hand raise or chat)

● We will try to address questions as we go and at the end

● This will be recorded, posted on our website, and sent as a follow up email to all who registered

● Hyper specific questions send to sgproposal@uscd.edu
AGENDA

1. Sea Grant College Program Overview
2. State Fellowship
3. Application Tips
5. Questions & Wrap Up
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
Grant and fellowship opportunities for scientists and graduate students

Complete grant administration services, including proposal solicitation and review, and post-award fiscal administration

Extension specialists dedicated to impartial research and outreach for coastal stakeholders

Media and library services

Connection to a nation-wide network of Sea Grant experts and partners
SEA GRANT FELLOWSHIPS

- **Workforce Development Goal**: Increase research and education opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students.

- Educating the next generation of marine and coastal scientists and policy makers.
STATE FELLOWSHIP

• Based on Knauss Fellowship
• Provides a one-year fellowship in a federal, state or municipal agency to learn about and work on implementation of marine policy and management in California

• Supported 281 State Fellows since program inception in 1988
Fellows are more than students or interns

• Highly motivated and talented recent graduate students with PhDs, Masters, or JDs in relevant coastal or marine related fields

• Substantial professional contributions to the office

• Capable of working alongside state and federal partners, and excited to learn about and help with the process of policy-making and resource management
KEEP LEARNING AFTER YOU RECEIVE A DIPLOMA.

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WHERE DO FELLOWS END UP?

ALUMNI have built careers in policy, management, NGOs and the private sector

Data since 2000

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Tentative 2023 HOST AGENCIES

- California Coastal Commission
- California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) - Natural Resources Division, Coastal Programs Unit
- California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) - District 1 (Eureka) Coastal Policy
- California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) - District 1 (Eureka) Environmental Engineering and CEQA
- California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) - District 4 (Bay Area) Environmental
- California Fish and Game Commission
- California Ocean Protection Council (OPC) - Climate Change
- California Ocean Protection Council (OPC) - Marine Biodiversity
- California Ocean Science Trust (OST)
- California State Coastal Conservancy- Coastal Resilience Fellow
- California State Lands Commission: Climate Change/Marine Conservation/Environmental Justice
- California State Lands Commission: Marine Infrastructure/Offshore Wind/Regional Planning
Tentative 2023 HOST AGENCIES

- Delta Science Program - Adaptive Management Unit and Independent Science Board Support
- Delta Science Program - Collaborative Science and Peer Review Unit
- Delta Science Program - Interagency Ecological Program (IEP)
- Delta Science Program - Science Communication, Synthesis, and Decision Support Unit
- Delta Stewardship Council - Planning and Performance Division
- Monterey Bay Aquarium
- NOAA Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary
- NOAA's National Marine Protected Areas Center
- NOAA Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve (TRNERR)
- Port of San Diego: Aquaculture and Blue Technology Fellowship
- Port of San Diego: Coastal Policy and Planning Fellowship
- Port of San Diego: Environmental Conservation Fellowship
- San Francisco Estuary Partnership: Wetland Regional Monitoring Program
- State Water Contractors
- State Water Resources Control Board - Division of Water Quality, Sustainable Water Plans and Policies
- State Water Resources Control Board - Division of Water Quality: Ocean Standards Unit
- State Water Resources Control Board - Office of Information Management and Analysis
2023 STATE FELLOWSHIP AWARD

- CASG administers $53,976 award per State Fellow
- $51,504 ($4,292/month) for stipend, living expenses, and health insurance coverage
- $2,472 to cover travel (includes professional development training and any in-person meetings)
ELIGIBILITY

Applications may be submitted by a graduate student (Masters, Ph.D., or J.D) at a California university who recently completed a degree after May 1, 2021.

Fellows must complete all degree requirements before starting the fellowship.
2023 STATE FELLOWSHIP TIMELINE

- **July 14 (approximate):** Final host positions posted on website
- **July 20, 5PM:** Fellowship applications due
- **July 25-August 26 (approximate):** California Sea Grant screening of fellowship applications to select finalists
- **August 29 (approximate):** Finalists notified and applications distributed to participating hosts
- **September 7:** California Sea Grant informational webinar for invited finalists
- **September 20-21:** Finalist presentations
- **September 27-29:** Host presentations
- **October 4:** 1-4:30 PM: Finalists interview scheduling round robin and welcome reception
- **October 5-6:** California Sea Grant and Hosts finalize and distribute interview schedule
- **October 11-13:** MANDATORY virtual matching workshop
- **October 17, 12-3pm** Follow Ups
- **October 17, 6pm** Rankings Due
- **October 12-15 (approximate):** Fellowship matches announced
- **January 2023- March 2023:** Fellowships begin
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

• Curriculum Vitae (2 pages)*

• A personal education and career goal statement with ice breaker (1,000 words or less)

• Two letters of recommendation

• Copy of undergraduate and graduate student transcripts*

*All sensitive information MUST be redacted before submitting
SUBMISSION

● Online submission platform: eSeaGrant

● Register an account

● Only submit PDFs

● Application deadline: July 20 5:00 PM PT

● Portal will close at the date and time stated above, and late applications (even 1 minute late) cannot be accepted.
EVALUATION CRITERIA

Selection criteria includes:

• Diversity/Appropriateness of Experience
• Statement/Communication Skills
• Additional Qualifying Experience
• Academic Ability
• Letters of Recommendation

Fellowship assignments are made based on a mandatory matching process.

Workshop will be virtual, October 11-13, 2022.

Finalists must attend.

Placement in general, or with a specific host, cannot be guaranteed.

PLEASE DO NOT REACH OUT TO HOST AGENCIES BEFORE THE MATCHING WORKSHOP
EVALUATION

- 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 describe volunteer and/or extracurricular activities?
- Did the applicant provide insight into their diverse background including balanced and appropriate coursework?
EVALUATION

- How has academic achievement been balanced with professional goals?
- How did the applicant describe their marine and coastal science and/or policy experience?
- Were acronyms defined?
- Were there misspelled words and/or grammatical errors?
- Did the recommendation letters demonstrate knowledge of the applicant and their abilities?
APPLICATION TIPS

View the application package as pieces of a jigsaw puzzle that reflect the best and most complete picture of who you are.

The submitted application materials, as well the interview, will determine if you will be invited as a finalist to the matching workshop.

So every piece of the puzzle counts!
TWELVE MONTHS THAT WILL TRANSFORM YOU.

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Interested in Applying for a State Fellowship?
DUE JULY 20th 5PM

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THANK YOU