

**Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) Opportunity
NOAA National Sea Grant Office (NSGO)**

Reference Number: SG-Extension-IPA-2015

Open Period: May 13, 2015 to June 16, 2015 (or until filled)

Title: EXTENSION PROGRAM LEADER

Duty Station: Silver Spring, MD

Background: The NOAA National Sea Grant Office (NSGO) announces an opportunity for an IPA position of Extension Program Leader, located in Silver Spring, MD. The IPA Program allows the temporary assignment of skilled personnel between Federal and non-Federal entities.

The Extension Program Leader position will become vacant on January 1, 2016. The NSGO is therefore seeking a new Extension Program Leader who would begin in early Fall 2015 to transition into this role before the current Program Leader vacates. This position is an integral part of Sea Grant's mission and directly connects the NSGO's extension efforts with the work being conducted by the 33 Sea Grant programs. The incumbent also serves as the point of contact with other NOAA line offices involved in extension-related outreach efforts and is the liaison with U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and extension.

Funding for the position will be through an IPA Agreement for up to a two-year period. There is the possibility of a longer term agreement depending upon the availability of funds.

Qualifications: The ideal candidate will have experience in Sea Grant coastal and Great Lakes extension programming. He/she should have experience working with groups of diverse viewpoints and building consensus on complex or sensitive issues. This position requires travel. Hours will vary but may include long days, evenings and weekends.

Duties: The Program Leader's primary role is to enhance communications between the NSGO and Sea Grant Extension network. He/she does so by communicating relevant information; working with the network to analyze, develop and implement priorities; facilitating productive communications and collaboration; and improving Sea Grant Extension's performance as a network.

Specific duties will include:

- Serve as NSGO representative on the Assembly of Sea Grant Extension Program Leaders (Assembly);
- Coordinate NSGO's participation on Assembly's climate adaptation, fisheries (and marine aquaculture) extension, and coastal community development networks and extension-based communities of practice (e.g., pharmaceutical and personal care products, citizen science, coastal processes);

- Depending on area(s) of expertise, assist the NSGO with implementation and evaluation aspects of 2014-2017 Strategic Plan focus area(s);
- Provide a Sea Grant Extension link to NOAA Fisheries, National Weather Service and National Ocean Service detailees based at NSGO and/or NSGO staff;
- Represent the NSGO in activities with USDA/NIFA/Extension;
- Assist NSGO in drafting and/or reviewing language for National Strategic Initiatives (NSIs);
- Participate, as needed, in NSGO activities to justify, prioritize, and allocate annual budget; and
- Respond, as needed, to NOAA and external inquiries about Sea Grant's extension activities and impacts.

How to apply: Interested individuals are encouraged to submit a resume, cover letter, and three references to Jennifer Hinden, Program Support Specialist at Jennifer.Hinden@noaa.gov, no later than June 16, 2015. For more information regarding this position, please contact Michael Liffmann at Michael.Liffmann@noaa.gov. Please include the reference number and your last name in the subject line of any correspondence regarding the position.