

Position ID

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Position Title

Policy Liaison

Office Name

Oceanographer of the Navy, U.S. Navy

Portfolio Summary

The Oceanographer of the Navy is the representative of the Chief of Naval Operations for the Naval Oceanography Program and Naval Oceanography policy, which includes operational environmental support to Department of Defense (DoD), NATO, and coalition forces worldwide. Naval Oceanography includes oceanography, meteorology, geospatial information & services, navigation, and precise time & astrometry. The Oceanographer of the Navy is also the Director of Navy's Task Force on Climate Change, which is leading Navy's efforts to help the Navy adapt to potential climate change impacts. The Deputy/Technical Director provides guidance to the Oceanographer of the Navy and often represents Department of Defense and Joint Chiefs of Staff in high level interagency meetings such as the Ocean Science and Technology Intergovernmental Policy Committee (IPC) and the Ocean Resource Management IPC of the National Ocean Council.

The Sea Grant fellow will work with the Deputy/Technical Director and other staff members and be involved in a variety of international, interagency, and Congressional issues relevant to the mission of the Oceanographer of the Navy.

Specific duties are tailored to the individual Sea Grant fellow, but will likely include involvement with the high-level subgroups under the National Ocean Council, which provides the opportunity to work with high-level officials from numerous agencies. Work will likely also include participation in the Navy's Task Force on Climate Change. Previous fellows have also been involved in issues such as high level ocean policy development, Congressional liaison and testimony writing, data collection and release, ocean observing systems, NATO issues, public data release, and Law of the Sea issues. The Oceanographer of the Navy is also the Naval Deputy to NOAA and interfaces directly with the NOAA Administrator on issues of mutual interest to Navy and NOAA. The fellow will likely have opportunity to work on many such cooperative issues. The Oceanographer of the Navy's main office is located at the Pentagon, but the staff has offices at the Naval Observatory as well. It is expected that the Knauss fellow will work out of the Naval Observatory, but frequent travel to the Pentagon will be required.

Expertise Desired

- Willingness to learn and an ability to communicate. Position is tailored to the strengths, weaknesses and goals of the individual Fellow. Since our office works a broad range of issues for Navy, this is usually fairly easy to do. Due to the need for the fellow to obtain an interim and final security clearance, our office can only accept US citizens and cannot accept US citizens with dual citizenship.

Travel within DC (days per month)

3-6 (depending on interest)

Travel outside DC (days per month)

2-3 (depending on interest)

Accepts Foreign Nationals

No