Position ID
L17-16

Position Title
Sea Grant Legislative Fellow

Office Name
U.S. Senator Cory Booker
New Jersey

Relevant Committee Memberships (if applicable)
114th Congress; Ranking Member of Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries and Coast Guard; Member of Environment and Public Works Committee

Portfolio Summary
Primary Responsibilities

- Work with constituents
  - Meet with constituents and advise the Senator/staff on issues raised by constituents.
  - Support office activities related to the coast, estuaries, natural resources, sustainable development and water resources.
  - Support activities of the office as they relate to marine resources such as fisheries, marine mammals and sustainable marine practices.
  - Liaising with constituents, trade groups, industry and NGOs.

- Develop policy in the oceans, environment, and animal welfare portfolio
  - Assist in drafting and guiding legislation. Advise on marine policy issues including marine spatial planning, the ocean economy, marine sanctuaries, marine debris, fisheries management, shark finning, marine wildlife protection, and potential re-authorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act.
  - Assist in the annual appropriations process and be actively involved in advocating for funding flagship programs within NOAA, EPA, DOI, or other agencies relating to committee and subcommittee assignments.
  - Responsible for assistance with speeches on ocean, environment and animal welfare topics, drafting letters on portfolio-related issues, writing talking points for floor statements and hearings, and keeping up-to-date with science and policy issues impacting oceans, environment, and the state of New Jersey.

- Committee Assignments and Senate Ocean Caucus
- Assist in preparation of background documents for hearings and executive sessions (mark-ups); attend briefings, hearings, meetings and conferences; development, review, and analysis of legislation and research topics of interest to the Senator as they relate to the Senator’s committee assignments and membership on the Senate Ocean Caucus.

Expertise Desired
Applicants must be able to work well as part of a team, possess sound judgement and excellent written and oral communication skills. Applicant must have strong background in the oceans, environment and natural resources subject area.

Accepts Foreign Nationals
No