

**Position ID**

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**Position Title**

Sea Grant Legislative Fellow

**Office Name**

U.S. Senator Roger Wicker

Mississippi

**Relevant Committee Memberships (if applicable)**

In the current Congress, Senator Wicker is a senior member of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee. This includes a position on the Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard. Currently, Senator Wicker is also a member of the Environment and Public Works Committee as well as the Budget Committee. In addition, the Senator serves on the Senate Armed Services Committee, Subcommittee on Seapower. Senator Wicker is also honorary co-chair of the Senate Oceans Caucus.

**Portfolio Summary**

Senator Wicker seeks a fellow who will continue to manage and grow a broad portfolio of marine and coastal legislative issues. The fellow will advise the Senator on an array of legislative activities related to the Mississippi Gulf Coast, stakeholders in the Gulf of Mexico, and national oceans issues. The fellow also will staff the Senator in meetings, hearings, and committee markups. The selected individual should expect significant interaction with university researchers in Mississippi, the Gulf of Mexico recreational and commercial fishing industry, federal agencies, and a number of non-profit organizations. With serious matters facing the Gulf Coast, the fellow placed in this position will have a significant issue base. A successful fellow will master the concerns facing one of the most productive ecosystems in the United States and draft legislation and amendments by the end of his or her fellowship. The fellow will gain a personal understanding of the legislative process and rules of the Senate.

**Expertise Desired**

We are seeking a fellow with excellent writing skills and an enthusiasm about working on bipartisan legislation. Meeting deadlines, critical thinking, and working well under pressure are important. In addition, our fellow must be able to see multiple perspectives on an issue and work to best resolve pressing problems for our nation's oceans and coasts.

The appropriate candidate should have a broad background in marine and coastal issues, preferably from both a policy-making as well as a scientific perspective. Strong organizational skills and communication abilities are required. Applicants should also be able to critically analyze legislative proposals and be interested in developing common-sense coastal management policies while working with various constituent groups, state and local agencies, and public and private organizations. Senator Wicker is seeking a dependable professional who desires real responsibility and the opportunity to develop policies and strategies that will have a tangible effect on the environment and economy. He has had a number of fellows in the past and values their input and unique perspectives.

**Accepts Foreign Nationals**

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