

**Position ID**

L17-8

**Position Title**

Sea Grant Legislative Fellow

**Office Name**

Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Subcommittee Oceans, atmosphere, fisheries, and coast guard

**Portfolio Summary**

The fellow on the Majority Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard will have the opportunity to work on all oceans bills that pass through this committee, ranging from weather, to fisheries, to satellites, and ocean policy. With this wide range of possibilities, our fellow will be encouraged to focus on those areas that interest them most. We also work closely with the agencies with the goal of producing effective legislation. The fellow will have ample opportunity to engage with NOAA lines office assistant administrators and all line office legislative affairs specialists.

This office is extremely collaborative, and as a fellow on the Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard Subcommittee you will often work with the Committee's Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security Subcommittee when a given project's subject matter overlaps, i.e. maritime administration issues. We also pride ourselves on working very well with our minority colleagues, and often take meetings together.

We consider fellows to be equal players with the same roles and responsibilities as the rest of the professional legislative staff. The fellow will attend meetings and briefings; do background research; prepare memos, talking points, and questions for hearings; and draft and edit legislation. Fellows will have the opportunity to learn about the federal budget process during briefings from agency leadership during the first part of the year.

**Expertise Desired**

**Mandatory Skills:** The ability to contribute to a positive work environment.

**Desired Background Skills:** We welcome a diversity of ideas and viewpoints and value the ability to objectively analyze problems and develop simple, common sense solutions. Strong communication skills, both written and verbal, are preferred. An ability to concisely explain complex ideas is very useful. Goal-oriented and motivated individuals with the ability to be flexible and creative tend to do well in this position.

**Accepts Foreign Nationals**

Yes