Since 1990, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the National Sea Grant College Program (Sea Grant) have partnered on the NMFS-Sea Grant Joint Fellowship program to support PhD level students in the areas of population and ecosystem dynamics and marine resource economics.

**Fellows apply through one of 33 University-based Sea Grant programs**

**Fellowship awards last 2 or 3 years depending on the program of study**

**Fellows are guided by two mentors**

- one from the fellow’s university
- one from NMFS

**40% of alumni work for NMFS as fisheries scientists or other professionals**

**113 PhD students have participated in the program since it began in 1990**

The NMFS-Sea Grant Joint Fellowship is a focused workforce development program to train highly qualified individuals in Population and Ecosystem Dynamics and Marine Resource Economics.

**ANNUAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM**

Provides an opportunity for fellows and NOAA fisheries professionals to exchange ideas and advance related scientific and management fields of study.

More information at seagrant.noaa.gov/careers
How to apply to the NMFS-Sea Grant Joint Fellowships

1. Register for the Sea Grant e-newsletter and/or follow Sea Grant on social media to receive updates about fellowship opportunities.
   - seagrant.noaa.gov/social
   - Twitter: @SeaGrant
   - Instagram: @SeaGrant_NOAA
   - Facebook: @NOAA.SeaGrant

2. Visit our website to learn more about the joint fellowship program.
   - seagrant.noaa.gov/NMFS-SG-Fellowship

3. Look for opportunities to open, which typically happens in the fall or winter for the following year. Sea Grant sends alerts via e-newsletters and social media channels.

4. Prior to or during open “Federal Funding Opportunities” for fellowships, connect with your local Sea Grant program. Call or email them to let them know you are interested in applying. They will have advice for navigating the process. A list of Sea Grant programs and contact information can be found on the Sea Grant website.
   - seagrant.noaa.gov

5. Prior to or during open “Federal Funding Opportunities” for fellowships, identify a mentor within the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Your local Sea Grant contacts as well as the National Sea Grant Office can help with this process. NMFS mentors may also be identified by searching one of the NOAA Fisheries Science Centers.
   - https://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/sciencecenters/

Once you see that a funding/fellowship opportunity is open:

1. Find the announcement on www.grants.gov. Sea Grant includes links on its website.

2. Once on the grants.gov Grants Opportunity page, click the blue “Related Documents” tab and download the “Full Announcement” pdf. This is the Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO). It contains all project details and instructions for applying.

3. Read and follow all instructions outlined in the FFO. All standard forms needed for the application package can be downloaded here: http://seagrant.noaa.gov/insideagrant/Forms-and-Templates.

4. Applications must be submitted through a state Sea Grant program, not directly to grants.gov! See the “Program Locations” dropdown on http://seagrant.noaa.gov/ for a list of state programs and contact information.

You may also contact the National Sea Grant Office
via email, OAR.SG.Fellows@noaa.gov, or phone, (301) 734-1083.