

# Sea Grant John A. Knauss

## Marine Policy Fellowship Program

Fall 2023

The Knauss Fellowship offers direct experience working on the latest issues in ocean, coastal and Great Lakes management and research.

**465**

fellows placed in the U.S. Congress

**1,112**

fellows placed in federal departments and agencies

**1,577**  
**FELLOWS**  
since 1979

Since 1979, the National Sea Grant College Program has administered one of the nation's most prestigious marine policy fellowship programs. The Knauss Fellowship provides a unique educational and professional experience to graduate students who have an interest in ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resources and policy decisions affecting those resources.

**50% OF ALUMNI**

work in federal government<sup>+</sup>



More information at  
[bit.ly/knauss\\_fellowship](https://bit.ly/knauss_fellowship)

The program matches fellows with “hosts” in the legislative and executive branches of government for a one-year paid immersive policy experience in the Washington, D.C. area.

**44**

years of consistent opportunities for fellows to explore the national policy process

**80**

host offices in Washington, D.C.\*

“Participating in the Knauss Fellowship really launched my career into ocean sciences, and provided a bridge to a professional network I would never have access to otherwise.”

- Catalina Martinez

2002 Executive Fellow  
Program Manager,  
NOAA Office of  
Ocean Exploration  
and Research

\*Approximate number of offices in the Washington, D.C. area that have hosted fellows in the last four years

+Number is approximate and based on available data



# How to apply to the Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship

## Before the application process begins:

- 1** Visit our website to learn more about the Knauss Fellowship program and read about current fellows' experiences. [seagrant.noaa.gov/Knauss](https://seagrant.noaa.gov/Knauss) [seagrant.noaa.gov/knauss-blog](https://seagrant.noaa.gov/knauss-blog)
- 2** Start thinking about your application package. While you won't be able to apply until the application process opens, you can start drafting your personal statement and think about who you might ask for recommendation letters.
- 3** Register for the Sea Grant e-newsletter and/or follow Sea Grant on social media to receive updates about fellowship opportunities.  
[seagrant.noaa.gov/News/social](https://seagrant.noaa.gov/News/social)  
Twitter: @SeaGrant Instagram: @SeaGrant\_NOAA Facebook: @NOAA.SeaGrant
- 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](https://seagrant.noaa.gov)

## Once you see that the fellowship opportunity is open:

- 1** Find the application guidance and resources on the Sea Grant website.  
[seagrant.noaa.gov/Prospective](https://seagrant.noaa.gov/Prospective)
- 2** Contact your state Sea Grant program and inform them you want to apply for the Knauss Fellowship. They will have additional information for you and advice about navigating the process. Applications must be submitted through a state Sea Grant program. See the "Program Locations" dropdown on the webpage above for a list of state programs and contact information.

**Note:** if you attend school in a state which does not have a Sea Grant program, contact the National Sea Grant Office at [oar.sg.fellows@noaa.gov](mailto:oar.sg.fellows@noaa.gov). The National Office will direct you to a program through which you can apply.

**You may also contact the National Sea Grant Office  
via email ([OAR.SG.Fellows@noaa.gov](mailto:OAR.SG.Fellows@noaa.gov)) or our fellowships phone (240-507-3712).**