NOAA Fisheries-Sea Grant Joint Fellowship Program

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

Since 1999, 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 Ph.D. level students in the areas of population and ecosystem dynamics and marine resource economics.

The annual research symposium provides an opportunity for fellows and NOAA fisheries professionals to exchange ideas and advance related fisheries science and management fields of study.

FELLOWS APPLY THROUGH ONE OF 34 university-based Sea Grant programs

167 Ph.D. students have participated

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

More information at seagrant.noaa.gov/NMFS-SG-Fellowship

POPULATION AND ECOSYSTEM DYNAMICS

This fellowship focuses on the development and implementation of quantitative methods for assessing marine ecosystems, for assessing the status of fish, invertebrate, and other targeted species stocks and for assessing the status of marine mammals, seabirds, and other protected species

MARINE RESOURCE ECONOMICS

This fellowship focuses on the development and implementation of quantitative methods for assessing the economics of the conservation and management of living marine resources

MENTORS GUIDE FELLOWS: one from the fellow’s university & one from NMFS

3 YEARS fellowship duration

*Number is approximate and based on available data
How to apply to the NMFS-Sea Grant Joint Fellowship

Before the application process begins:

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

2. 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]
   Twitter: @SeaGrant
   Instagram: @SeaGrant_NOAA
   Facebook: @NOAA.SeaGrant

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.
   [fisheries.noaa.gov/contact-directory/science-centers]

Once you see that the fellowship opportunity is open:

1. Find the application guidance and resources on the Sea Grant website.
   [seagrant.noaa.gov/NMFS-SG-Fellowship]
   
   **Note:** All standard forms needed for the application package can be downloaded here: [http://seagrant.noaa.gov/insideseagrant/Forms-and-Templates](http://seagrant.noaa.gov/insideseagrant/Forms-and-Templates).

2. Contact your state Sea Grant program and inform them you want to apply for a NMFS-Sea Grant 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 [http://seagrant.noaa.gov/](http://seagrant.noaa.gov/) 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. 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) or our fellowships phone (240-507-3712).