

Marine Policy Fellowship Program

Fall 2020

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

431

fellows placed in the U.S. Congress

987

fellows placed in federal departments and agencies

1,418
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⁺

More information at 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.

42

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 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
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

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](http://www.grants.gov) Grants Opportunity page, click the blue "Related Documents" tab and download the "Full Announcement" pdf. This is the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). It contains all project details and instructions for applying.
- 3 Read and follow all instructions outlined in the NOFO.
- 4 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, not directly to [grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)! See the "Program Locations" dropdown on <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).**