



APNEP – NC Sea Grant 2016 Graduate Fellowship in Estuarine Research

Purpose	<p>The Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership (APNEP) and North Carolina Sea Grant (NCSG) are accepting applications for the 2016 Graduate Fellowship in Estuarine Research. The fellowship provides funding for graduate students based in North Carolina and Virginia with an opportunity to conduct applied research within the North Carolina portion of the APNEP management boundary. Fellows must conduct research that addresses focus areas identified in the NCSG Strategic Plan (ncseagrant.ncsu.edu/2014-strategic-plan) and management actions identified in the APNEP Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (www.apnep.org/web/apnep/ccmp).</p> <p>APNEP (www.apnep.org) is hosted by the N.C. Department of Environment Quality (deq.nc.gov) and is one of 28 National Estuary Programs supported by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (www.epa.gov/nep). NCSG (ncseagrant.org) is an interinstitutional program within the University of North Carolina system and is part of the national Sea Grant Network (seagrant.noaa.gov).</p>
Fellowship Amount	\$10,000
Number of Fellowships	One fellowship is anticipated for 2016, subject to sufficient funding and quality of the received applications.
Duration	The fellowship is for a one-year period. Start date for fellowship activities is flexible but must be after Aug 1, 2016. All work must be completed by Dec. 31, 2017.
Eligibility	Only graduate students in good academic standing, attending an accredited North Carolina or Virginia university or college are eligible to apply. Proposed work must be conducted within the North Carolina portion of the APNEP management boundary.
Application	Candidates must send a four-page (maximum) proposal, a current CV, and letter of support from their major professor. Other letters of support may be included. The proposal should be in 12-point, Times New Roman font, with 1-inch margins. Proposals must contain the following sections: Title (including student and major professor contact information); Description of the project including rationale and detailed relevance of the project to APNEP and NCSG planning priorities, and a well-described outreach strategy; Methods ; clearly



defined **Tasks** and a **Timeline** to complete the tasks; declaration of **Other Sponsored Support to be Received** for the overall project; and a detailed **Budget**. Funds may be used for any purpose related to the project, including stipends. University overhead charges are not permitted. Match is not required. The CV and any letter(s) of support do not count toward the page limit.

- Deadline** Application materials must be received **by 4 p.m. on Thursday, June 30, 2016**. Applications should be sent via email as a Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF document to Debra Lynch (debra_lynch@ncsu.edu). Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.
- Review Process** The review panel will be co-chaired by Dean Carpenter of APNEP and John Fear of NCSG and may include other APNEP and NCSG staff. Proposal ranking criteria are: relevance to APNEP and NCSG strategic priorities; quality of the proposed science; thoughtfulness of outreach strategies; and adherence to the instructions provided in this request for proposals.
- Award Funding** The successful applicant will be notified by July 29, 2016. Fellowship funds will be channeled through the fellow's major professor, who must agree to serve as principal investigator on the project.
- Final Report** Within 60 days of fellowship completion, the fellow is required to submit a final report to Carpenter and Fear. The fellow also must agree to work with the NCSG communications team to translate the findings into an article for *Coastwatch* magazine and/or other products; and with APNEP on similar outreach activities. The fellow's major professor must agree to submit progress reports as requested to NCSG via its online reporting system.
- Contact Information** **John Fear**, North Carolina Sea Grant (jmfear@ncsu.edu).
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