

**N.C. Sea Grant – N.C. Coastal Resources Law, Planning, and Policy Center
2016 Coastal Policy Fellowship Program**

Purpose

North Carolina Sea Grant and the North Carolina Coastal Resources Law, Planning, and Policy Center are accepting applications for a fellowship opportunity for two North Carolina-based graduate students. This fellowship is designed to foster research addressing a coastal policy issue within the state's 20 coastal counties, relating to one of the following topical areas:

- Healthy coastal ecosystems;
- Sustainable coastal development;
- Safe and sustainable seafood supply;
- Hazard resilience in coastal communities; and
- Environmental literacy and career initiation.

To learn more about these topic areas, please visit North Carolina Sea Grant's 2014–2017 strategic plan at <http://ncseagrant.ncsu.edu/2014-strategic-plan/>. Research and scholarly work conducted under this fellowship should include exploration of the legal implications of the chosen policy issue.

The Center is a partnership among Sea Grant, the University of North Carolina School of Law, and the University of North Carolina Department of City and Regional Planning.

Fellowship Amount

\$5,000 per student (two students maximum).

Duration

The duration of the fellowship is one semester: spring, summer or fall 2016. A final report that explores in detail the research activities conducted during this fellowship, as well as any conclusions or policy recommendations must be submitted within 60 days of the end of the fellowship.

Eligibility

Only graduate students and law students in good academic standing and attending an accredited North Carolina university or college are eligible to apply. To be eligible for fellowship support, proposals must relate to policy issues affecting the 20 coastal counties that are subject to the rules and policies of the North Carolina Coastal Resources Commission (Beaufort, Bertie, Brunswick, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington).

How To Apply

To apply, candidates must send a five-page (maximum) proposal, describing the project. The proposal should be in 12-point font, with one-inch margins. Proposals must contain the following sections:

- **Title**, including student and major professor contact information;
- **Description** of the project, including rationale and relevance of the project to the coastal management issue and the policy challenges;
- **Methods**, which should include both research and outreach methods;
- Clearly defined **research and outreach tasks**;
- **Timeline** to complete the tasks;
- Declaration of **other sponsored support** for the overall project (if any); and
- Detailed **budget**.

Applicants also must include a **current CV** and **letter of support** from a major professor.

Funds may be used for any purpose related to the project, including stipends. University overhead charges are not permitted.

Deadline

Application materials must be received by 4:00 PM on **Nov. 20, 2015**. Applications should be sent via e-mail in Microsoft Word format to Lisa Schiavinato at lcschiav@ncsu.edu. Late applications will not be accepted.

Review Process

The review panel will be chaired by Lisa Schiavinato, Co-director for the NCCRLPPC, and also will include:

- John Fear, Deputy Director, North Carolina Sea Grant;
- Victor Flatt, Co-director, NCCRLPPC; and
- Tancred Miller, Coastal Policy Analyst, N.C. Division of Coastal Management.

Additional reviewers may participate on an as needed basis and may include NCSG staff and Center advisory board members. Proposals will be ranked based on their relevance to the identified focus areas (see list above), quality of the proposed project, and adherence to the instructions provided in this call for proposals.

Award Funding

The successful applicants will be notified by **Dec. 18, 2015**. Funds will be channeled through the fellow's major professor, who must agree to serve as principal investigator on the project.

Deliverables

At the completion of the fellowship, each fellow will be responsible for two deliverables: (1) a final report and (2) an applied product for use by the project's target audience, that ensues from the proposals outreach plan. The final report on activities conducted during the fellowship should focus on project results as they pertain to the research questions presented and the relevance of the project both to the field of coastal and marine science and to the public. The final report must be submitted by email in PDF format to Lisa Schiavinato within **60 days** of the end of the fellowship.

For the applied product, the options are wide open, and students should think creatively. How can your work be best translated to those that could use it? Products could include blog posts, magazine articles, podcasts, two-page fact sheets, videos and the like. Students needing assistance with this aspect of the project are encouraged to reach out to the NCSG extension and communication teams for help. Lisa Schiavinato can help direct students to the appropriate NCSG team member. Each fellow's major professor must agree to submit progress reports, as requested, to NCSG via its Internet-based reporting system.

Contact Information

For questions, please contact NCCRLPPC co-director Lisa Schiavinato at 919-515-1895 or lcschiav@ncsu.edu.

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