

## 2021-2022 NC STEM Policy Fellowship

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North Carolina Sea Grant is accepting applications for the 2021-22 NC STEM Policy Fellowship. Graduate students trained at North Carolina institutions of higher education will be placed into high-level state government offices focusing on policy topics related to science, technology, engineering and mathematics, often known collectively as STEM.

The NC STEM Policy Fellowship program, including its funders and host offices, is committed to championing diversity, equity, and inclusion by proactively recruiting, retaining, and preparing a diverse workforce; and engaging and serving communities that are representative of the populations where this program operates.

Sea Grant oversaw the pilot program in 2020-21. Funds provided through Sea Grant and a generous matching grant from the Burroughs Wellcome Fund allow for additional fellows to begin Aug. 1, 2021. The fellowships are full-time positions at 40 hours per week working for one year with the host offices.

“The North Carolina fellows gain valuable real-world experience and professional development opportunities while working in host offices engaged in STEM policy and policymaking processes,” explains Susan White, North Carolina Sea Grant’s executive director.

“Host offices also benefit from access to impartial, science-savvy fellows to help them make critical decisions. We have seen the success already with our first two fellows,” she adds.

Host offices for the 2021-22 fellows are in the process of being determined. As information becomes available, the fellowship webpage will be updated.

The 12-month fellowship includes a competitive stipend, reimbursement for health insurance costs, and associated travel and training opportunities during the year. Total value of the fellowship is \$54,500. For details, go online to: [ncseagrant.ncsu.edu/fellowships](http://ncseagrant.ncsu.edu/fellowships).

North Carolina’s program is modeled after successful national-level fellowships — the National Sea Grant Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship and the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences (AAAS) Science and Technology Policy Fellowship — as well as the California Council on Science and Technology’s Science Fellows Program.

In addition, professional and network development opportunities for fellows are expanding in partnership with Sigma Xi, the international honor society of science and engineering. Some sessions may be provided in Summer 2021.

**Eligibility for the 2021-22 NC STEM Policy Fellowship:**

- Applicants must receive a graduate degree no later than Dec. 31, 2021, and no earlier than July 31, 2020.
- The master's or doctoral degree in a STEM or related discipline must be earned through one of North Carolina's accredited, public or private institutes of higher education.
- Students are eligible regardless of nationality. Domestic and international students may apply.
- Applicants must have an interest in state and national policy decisions on STEM topics.

**Deadline: Completed applications are due by 8 a.m. on Monday, March 8, 2021.**

The following materials are required for application submission via the **North Carolina eSeaGrant** portal: [go.ncsu.edu/ncesg](http://go.ncsu.edu/ncesg)

- Resume (not to exceed two pages using 12-point font and 1-inch margins).
- A career-goal statement that emphasizes the applicant's expectations for the fellowship experience as it relates to future career endeavors (1,000 words or fewer using 12-point font and 1-inch margins).
- Two letters of recommendation, including one from an academic mentor.
- Copies of all undergraduate and graduate student transcripts. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable.

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