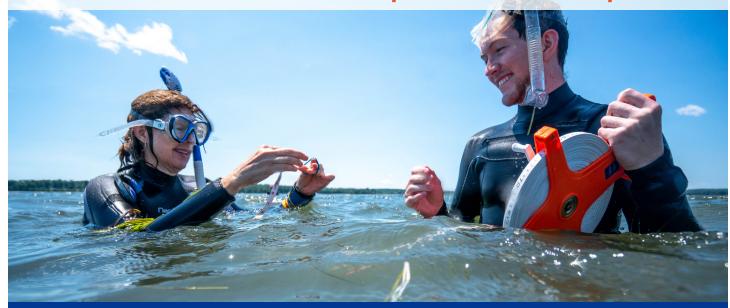
NEW HAMPSHIRE **SEA GRANT**

2026-2027 Request for Proposals



Pre-proposals due February 6, 2025 Full proposals due May 30, 2025

New Hampshire Sea Grant seeks pre-proposals for its **2026-2027 research funding cycle**. Every two years, NH Sea Grant issues a Request for Proposals (RFP) for those seeking major (≤\$100K per year) funding for research projects. During 2025, NH Sea Grant will be reviewing proposals from investigators for one or two-year research funding during the 2026-2027 cycle, which officially runs February 1, 2026 - January 31, 2028. NH Sea Grant is a matching funds program that requires at least 50% of all Sea Grant research funds received to be matched by state or private (non-federal) funds.

The guiding philosophy of NH Sea Grant is to serve the State of New Hampshire and the region by supporting **innovative and cutting-edge research integrated with expert extension, outreach, and education** to support dialogue and science-based decision-making in areas of particular importance to our region. To meet our mission, we seek to foster and support the highest quality coastal and marine research and education projects that relate to NH Sea Grant's Strategic Plan Focus Areas (see right).

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STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS:

- Sustainable Fisheries and *Aquaculture (*encouraged)
- 2. Healthy Coastal Ecosystems
- 3. Resilient Communities and Economies
- 4. Environmental Literacy and Workforce Development







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For the 2026-2027 RFP, NH Sea Grant encourages proposals that relate to **aquaculture research.** This enables us to take advantage of matching funds made available by NOAA's National Sea Grant College Program for successful projects that relate to this topic.

However, all high quality proposals addressing any of the Focus Areas outlined in NH Sea Grant's 2024-2027 Strategic Plan will be given equal consideration.



Engagement & Extension

Successful proposals will clearly identify end-users of the resulting research, and robust engagement and extension activities will be a requirement for all proposals. Thus, we strongly recommend that researchers seek out external partners and/or work with NH Sea Grant extension specialists and educators as early as possible to ensure that their direct input is integrated during the proposal development process.



2026-2027 RFP Funding Cycle & Calendar for 2025 Proposal Review

Dec. 4, 2024	Release of 2026-2027 RFP
Dec. 18	RFP Info Session
Jan. 31, 2025	RFP Info Sessionafter the NH Sea Grant Research Symposium
Feb. 6	Pre-proposals due by 5 p.m.
March 12	Pre-proposals reviewed by Preliminary Review Panel and NH Sea Grant's Executive Committee
March 17	Review recommendations sent to PIs regarding preliminary outcomes and development of full proposals
March 24	Intent to submit letters required from discouraged proposals only
April 11	PIs submit list of suggested peer reviewers to NH Sea Grant by 5 p.m.
May 30	Full proposals due by 5 p.m.
June/July	Full proposals sent to peer reviewers
July 29	Blinded peer reviews provided to PIs
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Aug. 12	PI rebuttals due to NH Sea Grant by 5 p.m.
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Aug. 12 Aug. 22-29 Mid-Sept.	PI rebuttals due to NH Sea Grant by 5 p.m. Full proposals reviewed by Technical Review Panel and NH Sea Grant's Executive Committee Applicants notified of review outcomes and funding decisions NH Sea Grant submission to National Sea Grant Office
Aug. 12 Aug. 22-29 Mid-Sept. October	PI rebuttals due to NH Sea Grant by 5 p.m. Full proposals reviewed by Technical Review Panel and NH Sea Grant's Executive Committee Applicants notified of review outcomes and funding decisions NH Sea Grant submission to National Sea Grant Office Beginning of research project

NH Sea Grant Research Symposium

Jan. 31, 2028 End of 2026-2027 funding cycle