

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 (\leq \$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:

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



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Aquaculture Research Proposals

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 Session after 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
- Aug. 12 PI rebuttals due to NH Sea Grant by 5 p.m.
- Aug. 22-29 Full proposals reviewed by Technical Review Panel and NH Sea Grant's Executive Committee
- Mid-Sept. Applicants notified of review outcomes and funding decisions**
- October NH Sea Grant submission to National Sea Grant Office
- Feb. 1, 2026 Beginning of research project funding for 2026-2027 awards**
- Spring 2026 Researcher on-boarding workshop
- Jan/Feb 2027 PI participation in biennial NH Sea Grant Research Symposium
- Jan. 31, 2028 End of 2026-2027 funding cycle