2021-2022 Graduate Research Fellowship

Description of Opportunity

The New Hampshire Sea Grant (NHSG) Graduate Fellowship provides fellowship funding to support graduate students working in areas related to NHSG’s Strategic Plan Focus Areas:

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

Graduate student applicants and their faculty advisors / Principal Investigators (PIs) must be affiliated with an institution of higher learning or other research institution in New Hampshire with relevant research or educational capability. Priority will be given to applicants who did not receive NHSG Graduate Research Fellowship funding in 2020-2021.

NHSG encourages fellowship proposals that include diverse participants with regard to age, race, ethnicities, national origins, gender identities, sexual orientations, abilities, cultures, religions, citizenship types, marital statuses, education levels, job classifications, veteran status types, income, and socioeconomic status. NHSG further encourages applicants to consider how they can integrate the implementation of justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion into their projects through their approaches, collaborations, topics, and engagement efforts. NHSG staff members are ready and willing to discuss integration of justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion ideas with applicants.

Approximately $60,000 is available, and NHSG anticipates selecting 3-4 Graduate Fellows for 2021-2022.

NHSG Graduate Fellows benefit from the support and outreach capabilities of the NHSG staff and broader community, and will be able to take advantage of professional development and public outreach opportunities through NHSG. Graduate Fellows will be required to submit a final report upon completion of their fellowship and are expected to communicate their research through opportunities such as the biennial NHSG Research Symposium.

This 2021-2022 Graduate Fellowship opportunity is entirely independent from NHSG’s 2022-2023 Biennial Research Grant Program RFP.
Application Requirements

Applications materials must be submitted as a single PDF to nh.seagrant@unh.edu by March 26, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Application materials must include:

1. **Cover page including:**
   - Name of graduate student applicant
   - Name of faculty advisor / PI
   - Name of graduate institution
   - Contact information for graduate student and PI
   - Research project title

2. **Proposal narrative (3-page limit) including:**
   - Concise summary of the subject of the graduate student’s overall research, and statement of the additional capacity and value the Graduate Research Fellowship funding will provide
   - Brief explanation of how the proposed work addresses one or more of NHSG’s Strategic Plan Focus Areas
   - Description of proposed graduate student work (project design and methods)
   - Vision for how the proposed work advances justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion in the applicant’s area of study or community
   - Expected outcomes and deliverables from the Fellowship


4. **Budget and budget justification (maximum request of $20,000 in direct costs)**
   - Approved budget items include summer or semester graduate student stipend, travel, and/or supplies

5. **Signed statement of support from faculty advisor / PI**

Questions?

Questions regarding the Graduate Fellowship program and application process?
Contact Liz Craig (elizabeth.craig@unh.edu)

This information is also available online at seagrant.unh.edu/nhsg-graduate-fellowship