

NEW HAMPSHIRE SEA GRANT

2020-2021 Request for Proposals



Pre-proposals due February 22, 2019
Full proposals due June 4, 2019

New Hampshire Sea Grant seeks pre-proposals for its **2020-2021 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 2019, NH Sea Grant will be reviewing proposals from investigators for one or two-year research funding during the 2020-2021 cycle, which officially runs February 1, 2020 - January 31, 2022. 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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MORE INFO: seagrant.unh.edu/biennial-request-proposals



Aquaculture Research Proposals

For the 2020-2021 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 2018-2021 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.



2020-2021 RFP Funding Cycle & Calendar for 2019 Proposal Review

Jan. 10, 2019	Release of 2020-2021 RFP
Jan. 31	RFP informational meeting after the NH Sea Grant Research Symposium
Feb. 22	Pre-proposals due by 5 p.m.
March	Pre-proposals reviewed by Preliminary Review Panel and NH Sea Grant's Executive Committee
Apr. 5	Review recommendations sent to PIs regarding preliminary outcomes and development of full proposals
Apr. 12	Intent to submit letters required from uninvited proposals only
May 15	PIs submit list of suggested peer reviewers to NH Sea Grant by 5 p.m.
June 4	Full proposals due by 5 p.m.
June/July	Full proposals sent to peer reviewers
Aug. 2	Blinded peer reviews provided to PIs
Aug. 14	PI rebuttals due to NH Sea Grant by 5 p.m.
September	Full proposals reviewed by Technical Review Panel and NH Sea Grant's Executive Committee
Sept. 27	Applicants notified of review outcomes and funding decisions
October	NH Sea Grant Omnibus produced and submitted to National Sea Grant Office
Feb. 1, 2020	Beginning of research project funding for 2020-2021 awards
Spring 2020	Researcher on-boarding workshop hosted by NH Sea Grant
Jan/Feb 2021	PI participation in biennial NH Sea Grant Research Symposium
Jan. 31, 2022	End of 2020-2021 funding cycle