



NEW HAMPSHIRE SEA GRANT

2016-17 Request for Proposals

Every two years, N.H. Sea Grant (NHSG) issues an RFP for its Omnibus Proposal for those seeking major (\leq \$100k/year) funding for research projects. During 2015, the program will be reviewing proposals from investigators for one or two-year research funding during 2016-2017. A

brief summary is provided below along with a link to additional information.

NHSG will host an informational meeting/conference call for prospective PIs on Jan. 26. For more information: Sally Nelson, sally.nelson@unh.edu

The guiding philosophy for N.H. Sea Grant is to serve the state and region by supporting innovative and cutting-edge research integrated

with expert extension, outreach and education to support dialog and science-based decision-making in areas of particular importance to our region. To meet our organizational mission, we seek to foster and support the highest quality research in marine and coastal sciences, social science and education.

Research proposals should address one or more of the program goals identified in the *2014-2017 NHSG Strategic Plan* under our four focus areas of Environmental Literacy and Workforce Development, Healthy Coastal Ecosystems, Resilient Communities and Economies, and Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture. The strategic plan provides specific guidance on goals for research, extension and education. Investigators writing research proposals should read the

Researchers should contact NHSG extension personnel for more information on incorporating extension in their projects. Visit: bit.ly/NHSGExtensionTips

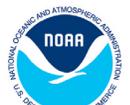
For complete information on the NHSG 2016-17 RFP, visit: www.seagrants.unh.edu/biennial-rfp Questions: Steve Jones, shj@unh.edu, 603.862.5124

plan carefully and consider how their proposed project aligns with the goals of NHSG. All proposed research should contribute to improved understanding, utilization and/or management of coastal and marine resources.

Successful proposals will clearly identify end users of the resulting research, and robust engagement activities will be a requirement for all proposals. Thus, we strongly recommend that researchers seek to work

RFP Calendar — 2015

- Jan. 13** 2016-2017 request for preliminary proposals issued
- Jan. 26** Informational meeting/conference call for prospective PIs
- Feb. 24** Preliminary proposals due to NHSG by 5:00 p.m.
- Mar. 6** Preliminary proposals distributed to review panelists
- April 3** Review panel and NHSG Executive Committee review preliminary proposals
- April 10** Recommendations regarding development of full proposals sent to PIs
- May 15** PIs submit suggested peer reviewers to NHSG
- June 2** Full proposals due to NHSG by 5:00 p.m.
- June 12** Full proposals distributed to external peer reviewers
- July 24** Peer reviewer evaluations due to NHSG
- July 31** Blinded reviews released to PIs
- Aug. 12** PI's responses to reviews due to NHSG by 5:00 p.m.
- Aug. 14** Proposals, reviews and PI responses sent to technical review panel and National Sea Grant Office
- Sept. 17** Technical review panel and NHSG Executive Committee review proposals
- Sept. 18** NHSG Executive Committee review panel results
- Sept. 25** PIs notified of funding decisions
- October** NHSG Omnibus proposal produced
- Nov. 3** Final proposal package and budgets submitted to the National Sea Grant Office
- Feb. 1** Beginning of FY 2016 funding



with Sea Grant extension specialists and educators as early as possible to ensure their input is integrated into proposals from the beginning.

Match Requirements

Sea Grant is a matching funds program, which requires that at least 50% of the aggregate federal dollars received be matched by state or private funds (\$1 of match for every \$2 of requested federal Sea Grant funds). NHSG recognizes that all PIs may not be able to provide a 50% match in their proposals. However, we ask that you provide as much as possible from non-federal sources. In-kind matching from university or other sources is often acceptable. Possible sources of matching funds include faculty/staff salaries, departmental or college student stipends, benefits, donated lab or ship time, indirect costs, and real or in-kind contributions from non-federal partners.

Additional information regarding match/cost sharing is available from Lisa Scigliano, UNH Office of Sponsored Research (lisa.scigliano@unh.edu, 603.862.0529), or from Steve Jones, NHSG (shj@unh.edu, 603.862.5124). Matching funds are scrutinized very closely for legitimacy by both the University of New Hampshire and the federal government.