

Sea Grant Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship

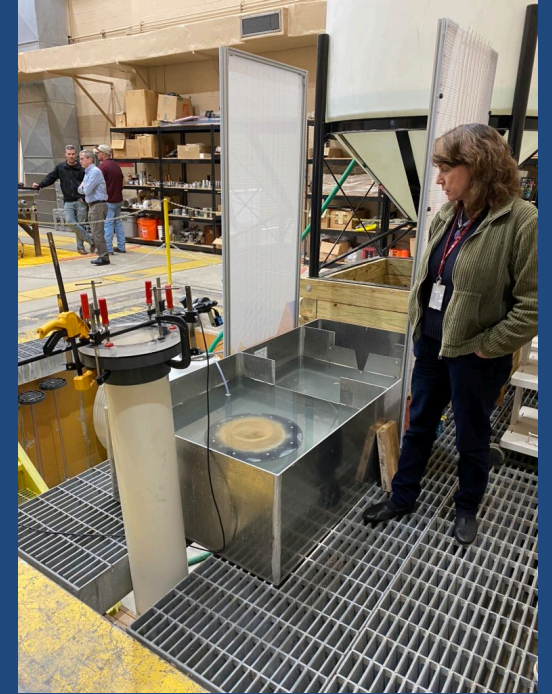
Jessie Straub 2020 Knauss Fellow

U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Engineer Research & Development Center



My Fellowship Year, so far!

- Placement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers headquarters in D.C.
- Working on and supporting a broad range of projects such as the U.S. Coastal Research Program and the U.S. Committee on the Marine Transportation System
- Great travel and professional development opportunities



The Knauss Fellowship Award

- Placement in the Washington, D.C. area in the legislative or executive branch for 12 months



The Knauss Fellowship Award

- Placement in the Washington, D.C. area in the legislative or executive branch for 12 months
- \$47,500 in salary/stipend
 - Up to ~\$11,500 in travel support, professional development, etc (health insurance, relocation, academic tuition, and academic and fellowship related travel expenses)

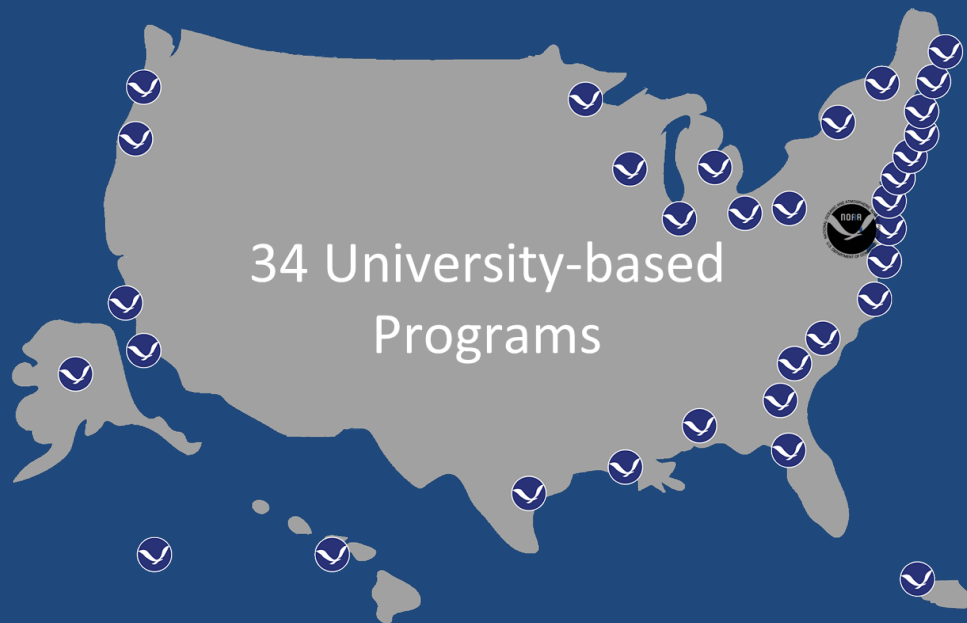


Purpose of the Sea Grant Knauss Fellowship

The Sea Grant Knauss Fellowship provides a unique educational and professional experience to graduate students who have an interest in ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resources and in the national policy decisions affecting those resources.

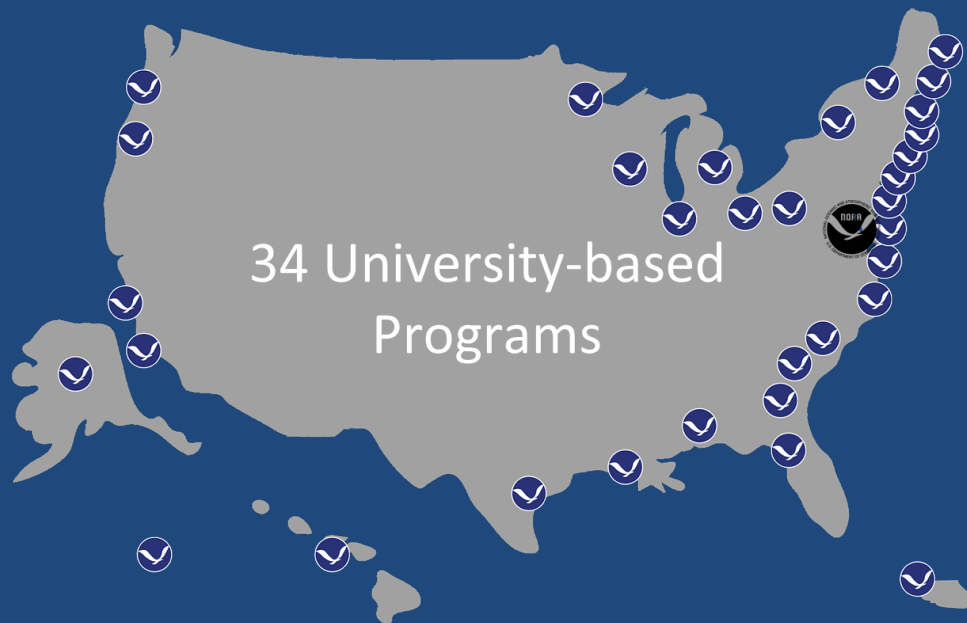
Purpose of the Sea Grant Knauss Fellowship

The Sea Grant Knauss Fellowship provides a unique educational and professional experience to graduate students who have an interest in ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resources and in the national policy decisions affecting those resources.



Purpose of the Sea Grant Knauss Fellowship

The Sea Grant Knauss Fellowship provides a unique educational and professional experience to graduate students who have an interest in ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resources and in the national policy decisions affecting those resources.



1,351

fellows since
1979

50%

of alumni work
for the federal
government*



The John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship offers direct experience working on the latest issues in ocean, coastal and Great Lakes management and research.

Application Eligibility

Required eligibility for the fellowship:

1. Any student, regardless of citizenship, who is enrolled in a graduate degree program and has an interest in ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resources and in the national policy decisions affecting those resources

Application Eligibility

Required eligibility for the fellowship:

1. Any student, regardless of citizenship, who is enrolled in a graduate degree program and has an interest in ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resources and in the national policy decisions affecting those resources
2. The graduate degree must be awarded through an accredited institution of higher education in the United States or U.S. Territories

Application Eligibility

Required eligibility for the fellowship:

1. Any student, regardless of citizenship, who is enrolled in a graduate degree program and has an interest in ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resources and in the national policy decisions affecting those resources
2. The graduate degree must be awarded through an accredited institution of higher education in the United States or U.S. Territories
3. Not have been selected as a finalist in any other Knauss application process

Application Eligibility

Required eligibility for the fellowship:

1. Any student, regardless of citizenship, who is enrolled in a graduate degree program and has an interest in ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resources and in the national policy decisions affecting those resources
2. The graduate degree must be awarded through an accredited institution of higher education in the United States or U.S. Territories
3. Not have been selected as a finalist in any other Knauss application process
4. Be able to reside in the Washington, D.C. area

The fellowship is open to all eligible students regardless of nationality. However, a significant number of participating federal host offices are unable to accept foreign nationals as fellows.

General Knauss Fellowship Timeline

February	Applicants submit packages to their state Sea Grant programs
March	State Sea Grant programs review packages, interview applicants, and submit up to 6 applications to NSGO
April	National reviewers receive applications for merit review
May	Review panel and finalist selection
June	Notification of fellowship finalists
October/December	Placement Week
February	Fellowship begins

Getting the Application

- Application information may be found at grants.gov, the National Sea Grant Website, or your State Sea Grant program website
 - FFO, State Sea Grant program locations, videos, where are Knauss alumni now, etc
- If you are a student enrolled in an eligible degree program in a state or territory not served by Sea Grant program you must contact the Sea Grant Knauss Fellowship Program Manager at oar.sg.fellows@noaa.gov to obtain a referral to an eligible Sea Grant program

Key Components of the Application

The fellowship application consists of seven required elements.

Six elements are submitted by the applicant to their State Sea Grant Program:

1. **Personal education and career goal statement (1,000 words max) (35%)**

Key Components of the Application

The fellowship application consists of seven required elements.

Six elements are submitted by the applicant to their State Sea Grant Program:

1. Personal education and career goal statement (1,000 words max) (35%)
2. Curriculum vitae (2 pages max) (35%)

Key Components of the Application

The fellowship application consists of seven required elements.

Six elements are submitted by the applicant to their State Sea Grant Program:

1. **Personal education and career goal statement (1,000 words max) (35%)**
2. **Curriculum vitae (2 pages max) (35%)**
3. 2 signed letters of recommendation (one from major professor or faculty member familiar with your academic performance) (15%)

Key Components of the Application

The fellowship application consists of seven required elements.

Six elements are submitted by the applicant to their State Sea Grant Program:

1. **Personal education and career goal statement (1,000 words max) (35%)**
2. **Curriculum vitae (2 pages max) (35%)**
3. 2 signed letters of recommendation (one from major professor or faculty member familiar with your academic performance) (15%)
4. Official undergraduate and graduate student transcripts (15%)

Key Components of the Application

The fellowship application consists of seven required elements.

Six elements are submitted by the applicant to their State Sea Grant Program:

1. **Personal education and career goal statement (1,000 words max) (35%)**
2. **Curriculum vitae (2 pages max) (35%)**
3. 2 signed letters of recommendation (one from major professor or faculty member familiar with your academic performance) (15%)
4. Official undergraduate and graduate student transcripts (15%)
5. Listing of classes or plans for spring, summer, and fall (1 page)

Key Components of the Application

The fellowship application consists of seven required elements.

Six elements are submitted by the applicant to their State Sea Grant Program:

1. **Personal education and career goal statement (1,000 words max) (35%)**
2. **Curriculum vitae (2 pages max) (35%)**
3. 2 signed letters of recommendation (one from major professor or faculty member familiar with your academic performance) (15%)
4. Official undergraduate and graduate student transcripts (15%)
5. Listing of classes or plans for spring, summer, and fall (1 page)
6. **Signed letter of recommendation from the eligible Sea Grant Director, which documents an interview with the applicant*

Tip: Read the instructions of the FFO (Federal Funding Opportunity) carefully and follow them strictly.

Advice for a Successful Application

Professional and Career Statement (35%)

- Get to the point - the panel only has a short time to spend on each application.
- Share a relevant pivotal moment that will help reviewers understand your interest in marine and coastal policy.
- Not recommended that you state a preference for an executive or a legislative placement. However, you should discuss this with your Sea Grant Director who can include it in his/her letter.
- Don't repeat your CV.
- Diverse experiences that have contributed to your development are valuable if articulated well (e.g., careers abroad, teaching abroad, volunteerism, leadership in civic or service organizations, showing initiative)

Advice for a Successful Application

Professional and Career Statement (35%)

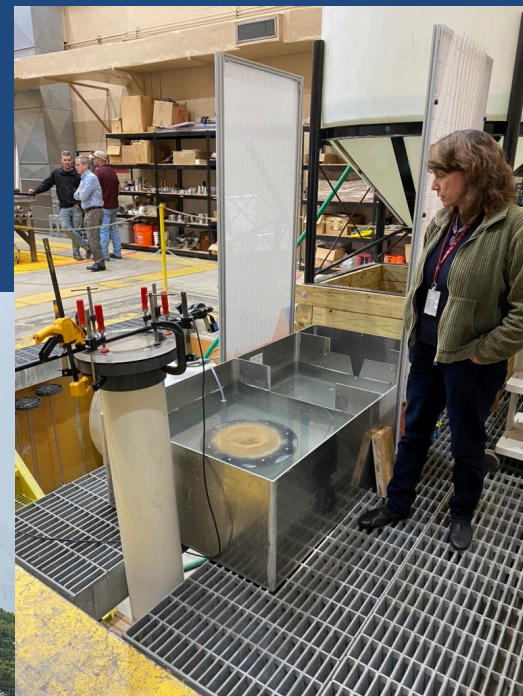
- Get to the point - the panel only has a short time to spend on each application.
- Share a relevant pivotal moment that will help reviewers understand your interest in marine and coastal policy.
- Not recommended that you state a preference for an executive or a legislative placement. However, you should discuss this with your Sea Grant Director who can include it in his/her letter.
- Don't repeat your CV.
- Diverse experiences that have contributed to your development are valuable if articulated well (e.g., careers abroad, teaching abroad, volunteerism, leadership in civic or service organizations, showing initiative)

- A good statement looks backward and forward. Devote space to what you would like to do and demonstrate how the fellowship is directly aligned with your career goals. How will being a Fellow make you an “impact player?”
- Show drive and passion in your application materials and your interview. Be excited about the opportunity and demonstrate how it will be life changing for you.
- If you have it, point to experience with policy in your CV or statement.
- Balance passion and emotion with purpose in your narrative.
- Avoid divisive topics and statements. Be aware of the national climate.

Advice for a Successful Application

- Reach out to your State Sea Grant Program and get to know them, volunteer, etc (this will make it easier when reaching out to them when it is time to apply)
- Reach out to current and former Knauss Fellows and ask them to review your essay and application
- Every State Sea Grant program is different- make sure you talk with your state's program and know the deadlines, guidelines, etc

Questions?



Resources:

<https://seagrant.noaa.gov/Knauss>
oar.sg.fellows@noaa.gov
State Sea Grant Program