



# 2015 Coastal Management Fellowship

Virginia Sea Grant is pleased to announce the availability of the 2015 Coastal Management Fellowship for Virginia students. Please share this email broadly with faculty and students that may have an interest in coastal and environmental science, management, policy, and planning.

The Coastal Management Fellowship is a two-year fellowship established to provide on-the-job education and training opportunities in coastal resource management and policy for postgraduate students. The program matches postgraduate students from a variety of environmental disciplines with state coastal resource agencies to work on coastal projects proposed by the state and selected by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Coastal Services Center. Any student completing a master's, doctoral, or professional degree in natural resource management or environmental-related studies from an accredited U.S. university between January 1, 2014, and July 31, 2015 is eligible to apply. Students from a broad range of environmental programs are encouraged to apply.

The 2015 state projects are:

HOST AGENCY	FELLOWSHIP PROJECT GOAL
<b>CNMI Division of Coastal Resources Management</b> Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands	Achieve resilient and sustainable growth in CNMI by centralizing data and creating decision support tools.
<b>Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management</b> Boston, Massachusetts	Provide stormwater management tools to Massachusetts coastal communities that are both effective in improving coastal water quality and resilient to climate change.
<b>Maine Coastal Program</b> Augusta, Maine	Strengthen the resilience of Maine's coastal communities by creating a Hazard Resiliency Index and increasing participation in FEMA's Community Rating System.
<b>New Hampshire Coastal Program</b> Portsmouth, New Hampshire	Systematically integrate social science into ecosystem management for New Hampshire's estuaries.
<b>Oregon Coastal Management Program</b> Salem, Oregon	Plan for sea level rise by building an inventory of vulnerable estuary shoreland resources.
<b>Puerto Rico Coastal Zone Management Program</b> San Juan, Puerto Rico	Design and create an online self-assessment and solutions tool to help coastal communities better understand the risk and impacts associated with coastal hazards, including climate change, and pilot this tool in coastal communities in Puerto Rico.

The deadline for applications is **January 23, 2015**. Virginia students must apply through Virginia Sea Grant via the online application submission website: <http://evaseagrant.vims.edu/RFP/proposals/> (you must log-in/register and select “2015 Coastal Management Fellowship” call). Additional information about the fellowship, along with detailed instructions on how to apply, can be found on the submission website. Students from other states should contact their state Sea Grant Program.

More information can also be found at: <http://www.coast.noaa.gov/fellowship/> and interested students are encouraged to contact Susan Park ([spark@vims.edu](mailto:spark@vims.edu), 804-684-7436) with any questions.

The following fellowship opportunities will soon be open to applications from Virginia graduate students:

- NMFS-Sea Grant Population Dynamics Ph.D.  
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- NMFS-Sea Grant Marine Resource Economics Ph.D.  
Fellowship: <http://vaseagrant.vims.edu/category/marine-resource-economics-fellowship/> 2015 ANNOUNCEMENT COMING SOON
- Sea Grant Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship: <http://vaseagrant.vims.edu/category/knauss-fellowship/> 2016 ANNOUNCEMENT COMING SOON