

MASGC is now accepting applications for the 2022 NMFS-Sea Grant Fellowship in Population and Ecosystem Dynamics and Marine Resource Economics.

These two fellowships allow Ph.D. students to closely work with a NOAA Fisheries mentor who will also serve on the student's academic committee. The goals of the program are:

- 1) To encourage qualified students to pursue careers in population and ecosystem dynamics related to living marine resources.
- 2) To encourage qualified students to pursue careers in marine resource economics
- 3) To increase available expertise related to quantitative ecology for systems of living marine resources.
- 4) To increase available expertise related to the economic analysis of living marine resource conservation and management decisions.
- 5) To foster closer relationships between academic scientists and NMFS.
- 6) To provide real-world experience to graduate students and accelerate their career development.
- 7) To support graduate students from diverse backgrounds with an interest in population dynamics or marine resource economics

The award for each Fellowship, contingent upon the availability of Federal funds, will be a multi-year cooperative agreement in the amount not to exceed \$54,166 in Federal funds per year. Matching funds of at least 20% are required. The applicant must be admitted to a Ph.D. program at a U.S. accredited university and must be a US citizen. Awards are for up to 3 years of funding. Find more details about the fellowship [here](#).

Submission materials will include:

1. Title form (supplied by MASGC)
2. Title page (title, contact information and abstract)
3. Project Description (5-page narrative)
4. The student's 2-page education and career goal statement
5. 2-page curriculum vitas of the student, their faculty advisor and the NMFS mentor.
6. Summary of the student's training in quantitative methods
7. Undergraduate and graduate transcripts of the student
8. At least two signed letters of recommendation for the student; one must be from the faculty advisor, and one must be from the NMFS mentor and certify their commitment to the project
9. NEPA form (supplied by MASGC)
10. Data Management Plan statement. Contact Sea Grant program for details
11. Budget and Budget Justification (forms supplied by MASGC)

It is important to work with our Sea Grant program early on in the application process for this opportunity. Application materials are due by Jan. 27, 2022, and fellowships anticipate starting Aug. 1, 2022.

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