



Office of Research
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA



Recovery and Response to Hurricane Irma

Purpose

In collaboration with the University of Georgia's Office of Research, Georgia Sea Grant encourages the submission of small, well-targeted proposals that seek to address the challenges related to Hurricane Irma. We will support physical science, social science, and engineering projects whose results may enable Georgia to better prepare for, respond to, recover from, or mitigate future coastal hazards. Research proposals that advance our fundamental understanding of the impacts of hurricanes, human aspects of natural disasters, emergency response methods, and approaches that inform management and decision response are welcome. Once the study has been completed, funded researchers will be required to submit a report that outlines analyses of findings from research results.

Eligibility

Proposals may be submitted by faculty of any public or private institution of higher education in Georgia; the project's lead Principal Investigator (PI) must be deemed eligible by their institution to receive extramural funding. While non-academic researchers may be included among the co-principal investigators (co-PIs), awards will be made only through colleges and universities. Georgia Sea Grant encourages submissions from researchers new to Sea Grant and those from diverse backgrounds. *All proposals must include a collaborator from the University of Georgia.*

Funding

All proposals submitted by November 10, 2017 will be given full consideration. Depending on the number of applications received, we anticipate making 3-5 small awards ranging between \$3,000-\$10,000 per project. The size of one-year grants should not exceed \$10,000. Since these awards are not subject to cost share and indirect cost return, proposals do not need to be routed through the investigators university's sponsored project administration office.

Process

To submit proposals, all potential applicants must register an investigator account on Georgia Sea Grant's electronic grant management portal eSeaGrant (eSeaGrant.uga.edu). More details on how to register an account and submit a proposal using eSeaGrant are available on Georgia Sea Grant website, and can be accessed using the following link.

http://gacoast.uga.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/eSeaGrant_PI_Manual.pdf

Proposal Information

1. Proposal narrative of no more than five pages (12-point type, single-spaced) must include:
 - a. *Title and Contact Information of investigators*

- b. *Describe the problem or opportunity that is to be addressed.* A clear and precise statement establishing the significance, relevance, timeliness, generalizability, and benefits of the project is essential. Indicate the current status of knowledge concerning the problem or opportunity to be addressed, including a summary of previous applicable work with relevant references.
 - c. *List Objectives.* Provide your specific objectives in a numbered list format. Investigators should answer whether these objectives, as stated, will result in outcomes that will allow you or Georgia Sea Grant to discern that this project has been successful, and not just completed.
 - d. *Describe how problem or opportunity will be addressed.* Concisely present information on the approach to be used and the general methodology that will be employed. Also, how will affected individuals be involved in developing the proposal and carrying out the project?
 - e. *Discuss who will use the findings of the proposed project and who will be affected by or benefit from the findings of this project.* What would be the best way to communicate or demonstrate the project results? Also, list any anticipated partners or co-sponsors for this work.
 - f. *Answer the perennial question: "So what?" What will happen as a result of this project?* Describe the kinds of potential outcomes or impacts that might be seen and measured. How soon after project completion might these impacts occur? Will the anticipated benefits of the project have practical applications? Will they lead to new understanding, attitudinal or behavioral changes, economic or legal improvements, etc.?
2. Budget: Format available on eSeaGrant.
 3. Budget Justification: In a narrative budget justification, explain the following: How will the requested funds be used? What non-Sea Grant funds, if any, will be used to complete the project? Why are the requested Sea Grant funds and non-Sea Grant funds needed to complete the project? Please detail the need for any supplies and services, travel, subcontracts, tuition, or any other items.
 4. Data Management Plan: Format available on eSeaGrant.

Review Criteria

All proposals will be subject to a “mini review” by experts in relevant fields. Review criteria consists of the following.

- Alignment with Georgia Sea Grant’s FY2018-2021 Strategic Plan
- Technical soundness of the proposal
- Measurable impact on the state of Georgia
- Experience and qualifications of the investigator(s)
- Scalability and replicability
- Potential to obtain additional extramural funding

Contact

If you have questions about the proposal submission or review process, or technical questions regarding eSeaGrant, please contact Dr. Mona Behl at mbehl@uga.edu.