

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

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Gain hands-on experiences
through fellowships and
internships with Marine Extension
and Georgia Sea Grant



On average, Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant supports

30 GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE
students each year.

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS

Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant offers a number of national fellowship opportunities for graduate students. These one-two year opportunities are designed for individuals with a strong interest in marine science, policy and law. National Fellowships are based out of offices in Washington D.C. or in other states with Sea Grant programs. They are open to students with education or a degree from any accredited U.S. college or university.

Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship

The John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship provides graduate students interested in ocean policy a 12-month paid position in the legislative or executive branch of federal government in the Washington, D.C., area. Fellows work on a range of policy and management projects related to ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resources. Fellows receive a stipend, and living and travel expenses. The Knauss Fellowship program is funded through a cooperative agreement between Georgia Sea Grant and the National Sea Grant College Program. The fellowship is highly competitive.

Application window: November – February.

NOAA Coastal Management and Digital Coast Fellowship

This two-year fellowship is intended to provide on-the-job education and training opportunities in coastal resource management and policy for postgraduate students, and to provide project assistance to state coastal zone management programs. Fellows are matched with state coastal zone programs to work on projects proposed by the state. Fellows receive a competitive salary, medical benefits, travel relocation and expense reimbursement.

Application window: October – January.

NOAA National Marine Fisheries/Sea Grant Joint Fellowship

These fellowships are offered to Ph.D. students in two specialized areas: population and ecosystem dynamics, and marine resource economics. Each fellow is required to work closely with a mentor from NOAA Fisheries who will serve on the fellow's graduate advisory committee. Awards can cover up to three years. **Application window: November – January.**



“Through the research trainee program, I’m gaining expertise and useful skills in education and outreach beyond the university setting by creating educational activities with the UGA Aquarium. This experience has broadened my research skills by incorporating the non-scientific public into my target audience and is helping to bridge the gap between academic and local communities.”

- Alex Draper, 2019

STATE FELLOWSHIPS

Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant's state-based fellowship opportunities are available to undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students interested in environmental education, marine science, or law and policy.

Marine Education Fellowship

Recent college graduates from across the country, who are interested in marine education, can apply to spend one year at Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant's Marine Education Center and Aquarium on Skidaway Island near Savannah, Georgia. The Marine Education Fellowship serves as a bridge experience between college and professional positions and is designed for individuals interested in environmental education, animal husbandry and marine science.

Application window: February – March.

State Fellowship

The Georgia Sea Grant State Fellowship provides a unique professional opportunity for graduate students from any U.S. college or university, who are interested in coastal and marine resources, and the policy and management decisions affecting those resources. The program matches highly motivated graduate students with local, state and federal agencies as well as non-governmental partners and industries in Georgia.

Application window: April – July.

Legal Fellowship

This fellowship offers students at the UGA School of Law an opportunity to work with legal and policy experts to address challenging environmental issues facing policymakers in coastal communities. Students gain practical experience collaborating with state and local officials and scientists. The fellows are assisted by UGA Carl Vinson Institute of Government faculty as they conduct research and develop educational and outreach materials. **Application window: Year-round.**

Research Traineeship

The Georgia Sea Grant research traineeship is available for full-time, registered undergraduate or graduate students, who are enrolled in any institution of higher education in Georgia and working toward a degree related to marine, ocean or coastal science. Through interactions with faculty and professional mentors, Sea Grant Trainees conduct high-quality research and understand its relevance to and impact on the real world. **Application window: February – March.**



Photo taken 2016



Photo taken 2014



INTERNSHIPS

Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant offers internship opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students who want to earn credit and gain hands-on experience in multidisciplinary topics. Students interested in expanding their practical experience through public service, outreach, education, communications and scientific research are encouraged to apply. Internships are available at one of our three locations; Athens, Savannah or Brunswick. They are open to students with education from any accredited U.S. college or university. **Application window: January – March.**

These internships are approved **Experiential Learning opportunities**. Experiential learning gives students hands-on opportunities to connect their academic foundations to the world beyond the classroom. Any student applying for one of our internship opportunities can apply for experiential learning credits.



PSO OPPORTUNITIES

Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant is a unit of Public Service and Outreach at UGA. Students with an interest in gaining experience in public service and supporting the university's land- and sea-grant mission are encouraged to apply.

PSO Student Scholars

The PSO Student Scholars program provides the opportunity for a select cohort of University of Georgia undergraduate students to spend a year working with one of the eight PSO units, including Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant. This program includes supervised service experiences with PSO and communities to help students link their public service experiences with their career and educational goals. **Application window: February – March.**

PSO Graduate Assistantship Program

The goal of the PSO Graduate Assistant Program is to increase the number of graduate assistants working within the eight PSO units and to give UGA graduate students the opportunity to work alongside PSO unit faculty and staff on public service and outreach programs that support and advance the university's land-grant and sea-grant mission. The PSO Graduate Assistantship Program is open to UGA graduate students whose programs of study relate to current programs and initiatives of the PSO unit in which they wish to apply. **Application window: February – March.**



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