



Marine Extension and
Georgia Sea Grant
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA



The McGowan Fellowship in Marine Science Education

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Purpose

University of Georgia Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant is proud to announce a summer funding opportunity for K-12 teachers to support the development of innovative and interactive marine science education curriculum/classroom materials.

The overarching goal of this fellowship is to support active Georgia K-12 teachers as they create educational materials that will advance marine science learning opportunities for our Georgia students. For more information about the work of Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant, visit gacoast.uga.edu.

Objectives

We seek proposals that outline a curriculum, teaching unit, or lesson idea that:

1. Emphasizes physical, chemical, or life science with respect to coastal Georgia
2. Incorporates education, research, extension activities or facilities of Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant
3. Aligns with Georgia Standards of Excellence and appropriate grade level(s)
4. Provides detail for how their proposed project might be implemented in the classroom (including how it might be shared with other teachers)

Eligibility

1. Applicants must be active K-12 teachers in Georgia.
2. Deliverables must be completed by the end of Summer 2027.
3. Applicants must be available to visit the Marine Education Center & Aquarium on Skidway Island near Savannah during Summer 2027 (if offered the award). On-site housing will be provided during the visit. Awardees will be encouraged to explore facilities and observe on-going programs.

Funding Availability

The McGowan Fellowship in Marine Science Education will be offered as a stipend of \$2,000 for Summer 2027.

Application Requirements

1. Brief application letter describing teaching experience, academic preparation, and qualifications to carry out the proposed work

2. 1–2-page resume/CV as a Word document/pdf
3. Description of the proposed project in no more than 3 double-spaced pages, including:
 - Learning objective(s) for the project
 - Description of project idea, including alignment with UGA Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant programs
 - Description of how the project will be implemented in the classroom and distributed to other teachers

Applications due April 12th, 2027. Applications should be emailed in pdf format to celeste.rivenbark@uga.edu.

Proposals will be evaluated by UGA Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant faculty and awards will be announced in early May. Evaluation will be based on objectives above as well as originality and the potential of the project to enhance student literacy in science.

Questions? Contact Celest Rivenbark at celeste.rivenbark@uga.edu.