

Commonwealth Coastal & Marine Policy Fellowship

Call for Host Offices

Virginia Sea Grant (VASG), the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (CZM), and the Virginia Environmental Endowment (VEE) are soliciting host office applications for the 2026 Commonwealth Coastal & Marine Policy Fellowship. This 12-month paid fellowship provides support for state and local government agencies while giving post-graduate students on-the-job training and professional development opportunities in coastal and marine policy and resource management.

PARTICIPATING PARTIES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Host Office Expectations

Participating host offices agree to: 1) Provide a project for the fellow to work on during the 12-month appointment; 2) Identify a professional mentor within the host office who will work with VASG to provide professional development for the student during the 12-month program; and 3) Provide a work space, supplies, travel expenses, etc. necessary to achieve the fellow's tasks; 4) Contribute **\$20,000** to support the program during the 2026 fellowship year.

VASG's Responsibilities

The recruitment of applicants will be managed by VASG as described in detail within the fellowship announcement. VASG will manage the hiring of the fellows as William & Mary employees and will administer the contributed fellowship funds from the host offices, which will cover a portion of the fellows' stipend as well as support the administration of the fellowship program. VASG will invite the selected fellows to participate in VASG-sponsored professional development opportunities and related activities where the fellows can grow their professional skills and network with the broader VASG community.

Fellow Responsibilities

Fellows are expected to abide by the standard code of conduct policies. Fellows will meet quarterly with VASG's Research Coordinator, submit required reports, and work with the VASG Communications department to publicize their fellowship activities.

HOST OFFICE APPLICATION – DUE JANUARY 30TH 2026

The Commonwealth Coastal & Marine Policy Fellowship program is open to participation by local, regional, and state agencies and governments working in Virginia on relevant coastal or marine research, policy, or management issues. Send notice of interest to participate, questions, and requested information to Lisa Eddy at lmaddy@vaseagrant.org.

Requested Information

- ☐ Title of host office
- ☐ Logo (*print resolution; minimum size 500 kb*)
- ☐ Name, title, address, phone number, and email of host office mentor(s)
- ☐ Description of the host office (*150-200 words*)
- ☐ Proposed project title
- ☐ Proposed project description, activities, and goals (*300-500 words*)
- ☐ Location (*city/county where the selected fellow would be working*)

INFORMATION DUE TO VASG BY JANUARY 30TH, 2026 – FELLOWSHIP STARTS OCTOBER 2026
SEND QUESTIONS/INFORMATION TO LMEDDY@VASEAGRANT.ORG

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