

VIRGINIA SEA GRANT

Supporting collaboration between researchers and stakeholders to facilitate science-based decision-making in coastal Virginia.

We focus on opportunities and issues in seafood, ecosystems, coastal communities, and education and workforce development.

SEVEN PARTNERS, ONE COAST

Virginia Sea Grant unites the strengths of seven university partners to ensure that the Commonwealth's coastal communities and resources thrive.

Here are some of our accomplishments for 2016:

93

Knauss Fellows placed since program inception—VASG leads the nation in placements

17

students received in-depth aquaculture training

33

college students learned new science communication skills

\$9M

economic impact on Virginia

\$814K+

in federal funding secured for coastal access

115

students at Virginia's institutes of higher education were supported in part by VASG

60

businesses sustained or created, supporting 275 private sector jobs

More at vaseagrant.org

VASG RECENT MILESTONES

CHARTER SIGNING 2015

Partner institutions sign the Virginia Sea Grant charter, which formalizes a commitment among partners toward collaboration on the challenges that face Virginia's coasts and oceans.



FELLOWSHIPS IN 2016



17 FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED FOR GRADUATE RESEARCH AND POST-GRADUATE EXPERIENCES

9 POLICY

2 ECOSYSTEMS

4 SEAFOOD

2 COASTAL COMMUNITIES

6 COMMUNICATION INTERNS

VIRGINIA LEADS NATION WITH ALL-TIME KNAUSS MARINE POLICY FELLOWS



NEW FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES LAUNCHED IN 2016

3 POST-GRADUATE STATE POLICY FELLOWSHIPS

6 SUMMER INTERNS COLLABORATE TO RESEARCH VASG'S SCIENCE COMMUNICATION

FEDERAL BUDGET INCREASE 2016 - 2017

\$76.5M

SEA GRANT INCREASE FROM US SENATE MARK-UP; US HOUSE MARK-UP AT FY17 LEVEL AT \$70M

258%

INCREASE IN AVAILABLE COMPETITIVE FUNDING, ATOP BASE FROM NOAA

AWARD WINNING

2017 NSF

Virginia Sea Grant's National Best Management Practice for Graduate Research Fellow Leveraged:

\$500K three-year National Science Foundation Award

Building capacity in transdisciplinary team science

Seven-university project led by Virginia Sea Grant

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The REAC is comprised of university delegates who help support and shape the future of Virginia Sea Grant. Current REAC members include:

- Fred Dobbs, ODU Chair, Ocean, Earth & Atmospheric Sciences
- Greg Garman, VCU, Director of the Rice Rivers Center
- Yvonne Harris, JMU, Vice Provost for Research & Scholarship
- Chris Jones, GMU, Director of the Potomac Environmental Research and Education Center
- Mark Luckenbach, VIMS, Associate Dean of Research and Advisory Services
- Saied Mostaghimi, VT Cooperative Extension, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies
- Linda Schaffner, VIMS, Associate Dean of Academic Studies
- Dave Smith, UVA, Associate Chairman Department of Environmental Sciences

EXTERNAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The EAC is formed by stakeholder representatives who provide feedback to Virginia Sea Grant on issues and opportunities facing their end users. Virginia Sea Grant is continuously seeking representatives to ensure relevancy of the program. Current EAC members include:

- Russell Baxter, Deputy Secretary of Natural Resources for Chesapeake Bay
- Jill Bieri, The Nature Conservancy, Director of the Virginia Coast Reserve
- Vicki Clark, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Marine Education Specialist, Retired
- A.J. Erskine, Bevans Oyster Company, Aquaculture Manager and Field Scientist
- Paula Jasinski, Chesapeake Environmental Communications, Inc., Owner/Analyst
- Lewie Lawrence, Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission, Executive Director
- Laura McKay, Virginia DEQ, Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program Manager
- Rob O'Reilly, Virginia Marine Resources Commission, Chief of Fisheries Management
- Keith Skiles, Virginia Department of Health, Director of Shellfish and Sanitation Division
- Skip Stiles, Wetlands Watch, Executive Director
- Bruce Vogt, Virginia Marine Resources Commission, Manager, Ecosystem Science and Synthesis
- Tony Watkinson, Virginia Marine Resources Commission, Chief of Habitat Management



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ISSUE-ORIENTED INNOVATING CONNECTING
Education SUSTAINABILITY-FOCUSED
Trustworthy Coastal

