SEVEN PARTNERS, ONE COAST

Virginia Sea Grant unites the strengths of seven university partners to ensure that Virginia’s coasts and oceans and their communities and economies benefit.

Here are some of our accomplishments for 2016:

- 83 students received in depth aquaculture training
- 17 college students earned new science communication skills
- Virginia Sea Grant’s National Best Management Practice for Graduate Research Fellow Leveraged
- $814K+ in federal funding secured for coastal access
- 115 students at Virginia’s Institutes of Higher Education were supported in part by VSG
- 60 businesses sustained or created, supporting 275 private sector jobs
- $9M economic impact on Virginia
- 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 EXPERIENCES
- 4 POLICY
- 6 COMMUNICATION INTERNS
- 9 ECONOMICS
- 2 SEASIDE ECO-COMMUNITIES
- 2 SEAFOOD
- 3 POSTGRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS
- 6 SUMMER INTERNS

NEW FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES LAUNCHED IN 2016

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- 6 SUMMER INTERNS

FEDERAL BUDGET INCREASE 2016 - 2017

- $76.5M increases in available competitive funding, ADP Base from NOAA
- 258% increase in available competitive funding

AWARD WINNING

- 2017 NSF $550K three-year National Science Foundation Award
- 2017 Virginia Sea Grant’s National Best Management Practice for Graduate Research Fellow Leveraged
- Building capacity in transdisciplinary team science
- Seven university projects led by Virginia Sea Grant
- Seven universities involved in transdisciplinary projects
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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 Dubbs, ODU Chair, Ocean, Earth & Atmospheric Sciences
- Greg Garmann, VCU, Director of the Ecosystems Research Program
- Mark Luckenbach, VIMS, Associate Dean of Research and Advisory Services
- Sara Hagebohm, VT Cooperative Extension, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies
- Virginia Sea Grant, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs
- Dave Smith, USA, Associate Chairperson 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
- Tony Watkinson, Virginia Marine Resources Commission, Chief of Habitat Management