

2024

COASTAL MANAGEMENT AND DIGITAL COAST FELLOWSHIP

Sea Grant Office Nomination Packages

Candidates submit their application packets to the Sea Grant program in the state where they earned their most recent degree. All nomination packages must include the following items, which will be provided by the applicant:

1. Applicant's resume or curriculum vitae (not to exceed two pages using 12 point font).
2. Statement of the applicant's goals, with emphasis on what the applicant expects from and can contribute to the fellowship experience. This should include how the fellowship can help the candidate reach goals they might not be able to reach without the fellowship opportunity, and any obstacles the candidate has overcome to reach this point in their academic career (500 words or less).
3. Two letters of recommendation, including one from the applicant's principal professor. If no principal professor exists, the faculty member who is most familiar with the applicant's academic work may be substituted.
4. Unofficial copies of all the applicant's undergraduate and graduate student transcripts.

Fellowship nomination packages must include all of the above information. Please note that starting with the 2024 class of fellows, a letter of endorsement from the applicant's sponsoring Sea Grant director is no longer required. As you make your decision on which candidates to nominate, please consider the following criteria:

- Strong interest in coastal management
- Life experiences, internships, extracurricular activities, and/or jobs
- Interpersonal, oral, and written communication skills

Sea Grant programs can nominate up to four candidates from universities in their state. In order to increase diversity in the fellowship, Sea Grant may submit one additional application from a candidate who attended a minority serving institution, for a total of five. The fifth nomination spot is reserved solely for minority-serving institution candidates.

Application packets are due from candidates to Sea Grant programs by January 26, 2024. Nomination packages are due to the Office for Coastal Management on February 23, 2024. Please email nomination packages to ocm.fellowships@noaa.gov, with "Coastal Management and Digital Coast Fellowship Program Applications" as the subject.

