NOAA Coastal Management & Digital Coast Fellowships

eSeaGrant Instructions

OVERVIEW

*Proposals are due by January 17, 2020 at 11:59 pm Eastern Time.* If you plan to apply, we strongly recommend notifying Virginia Sea Grant (VASG) and registering for eSeaGrant at least two weeks in advance of the deadline. Please review the fellowship announcement (https://vaseagrant.org/) and refer to these instructions as a guide to submit your application using eSeaGrant.

REGISTERING FOR ESEAGrant

Applicants can register for eSeaGrant by visiting the website (http://vaseagrant.ecsion.com), selecting the “Register” tab, and completing the required information. If you do not receive a “welcome” email with login credentials shortly after registering, please contact Sam Lake (see contact information below). Once you log in, you can change your password. To do so, click your name in the upper-right corner of the screen and select “My Profile.”

CREATING A FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

To start an application, or edit an existing application, click on “Current Tasks” on the banner head, and select “Add Fellowship Application” under “2020 Coastal Management & Digital Coast Fellowships.”

Once you have added the fellowship application to your Current Tasks, you must progress down through the sequence of application sections (“Start Here” through “Submission Preview”) listed on the left side of the window to submit your application. Guidance related to these sections follows, in sequence. Please note: some sections may require additional pop-up pages. Please allow your browser to display pop-up windows and enable JavaScript.

eSeaGrant provides a section to upload your resume/CV, statement of applicant’s goals, and transcripts. These documents must be converted to PDFs. To preserve confidentiality, letters of recommendations must be uploaded directly from the referees to VASG through eSeaGrant. Applicants must identify and submit requests to their referees through eSeaGrant, by entering their referees’ names and email addresses in the corresponding section. **Applicants must click the “Submit” button in the “Submission Preview” section to complete their application.**

All elements, including recommendation letters, must be submitted by the deadline. VASG will not accept late applications under any circumstances (e.g., internet delays), so please allow ample time to submit your application. Confirmation of the application and recommendation letters will be automatically generated and sent by eSeaGrant. If you do not receive confirmation shortly after submitting your application, please contact Sam Lake.
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Refer to the 2020 Coastal Management & Digital Coast Fellowship announcement for formatting requirements and additional guidance on each element of the fellowship application. The information included below and on eSeaGrant should not be considered comprehensive.

Resume or curriculum vitae
Not to exceed two pages using 12 pt. font.

Statement of Applicant’s Goals
Statement of the applicant’s goals with emphasis on what the applicant expects from and can contribute to the fellowship experience (500 words or less).

Letters of Recommendation
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.

IMPORTANT - To maintain confidentiality, letters of recommendation should be submitted directly from the referee to VASG through eSeaGrant and must be submitted by the application deadline to be considered. Please address letters to Dr. Troy Hartley, Director Virginia Sea Grant. Late submissions may lead to the rejection of incomplete applications. Candidates are encouraged to work with referees to meet the application deadline.

Transcripts
Unofficial copies of all undergraduate and graduate student transcripts.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The 2020 Coastal Management & Digital Coast Fellowship announcement and additional resources can be found at: https://vaseagrant.org/fellowship-research-funding/fellowships/. All applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Sam Lake to indicate their interest in the fellowship and to discuss the application process.

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