

Sea Grant Fellowship Opportunities



2017 Knauss Fellows visited the Pentagon to learn about their oceans portfolio. Credit: NOAA National Sea Grant Office

Supporting a Healthy Future for Our Ocean and Freshwater Coasts

Through partnerships with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA, Sea Grant’s federal parent organization), New York Sea Grant (NYSG) supports a variety of graduate opportunities in coastal science, management and policy. These fellowships help to generate a diverse ocean and freshwater workforce that understands technical and social challenges facing coastal communities and the natural environment. Qualified students are placed in laboratories, in the field and in government or nonprofit offices from New York’s coast to the U.S. capital, in paid positions that provide them experience, skill-building and mentorship. Application information for all the fellowships below is at: www.nyseagrants.org/proposals.

Current Fellowship Opportunities at a Glance

Fellowship Opportunity	Eligible Students	Application Deadline	Program Begins	Duration
Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy	Graduate	February 2019	February 2020	1 year
NMFS Population and Ecosystem Dynamics	Graduate	January 2019	August 2019	Up to 3 years
NMFS Marine Resource Economics	Graduate	January 2019	August 2019	Up to 3 years
NOAA Coastal Management	Post-Graduate	January 2019	August 2019	2 years

For testimonials, visit www.nyseagrants.org/blog – See post: “#SeaGrant50: By The Numbers - Four Decades of Knauss Fellows”

In Their Own Words

"My time as a Knauss Fellow has opened doors for me with respects to meeting and interacting with people I admire and hope to emulate. It has also helped me to build strong working relationships that I plan to maintain throughout the rest of my career."

— **Erin Eastwood**, a Columbia University graduate and former John A. Knauss International Partnerships Fellow for NOAA's Climate Program Office

"My favorite memory of my fellowship was walking on sea ice in the Arctic Ocean while on a science cruise on the US. Coast Guard Cutter Healy. I stood in a place on earth that no one had ever stood before and very likely no one will ever be again."

— **Zachary Schulman**, a Pace University School of Law graduate and former Knauss Executive Fellow

"This fellowship helped me form a connection with a mentor at NOAA and get an inside look into government work in managing marine resources. Without it, my dissertation would not have been possible to complete. The fellowship set me up with a project that was of importance to marine managers and provided me with the means to conduct that research."

— **Katherine Kaplan**, a Cornell University graduate and former NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service fellow, whose project is evaluating the impact of dredging on Atlantic sea scallop habitat on Georges Bank, a large elevated area of the sea floor between Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and Cape Sable Island, Nova Scotia.

"Professionally, my fellowship has taken me behind the scenes, from collecting and processing catches aboard the R/V Henry B. Bigelow to illuminating discussions of modeling techniques with cutting-edge scientists. Personally, I've been challenged and stretched and my passion for a career in fisheries science further ignited."

— **Skyler Sagarese**, a Stony Brook University graduate and former NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service fellow

"My appreciation for federal funding for science has been substantially enhanced thanks to my time as a Knauss Legislative fellow. It's been extremely valuable to gain perspective on how science is perceived by policymakers."

— **Dan Sousa**, a Columbia University graduate and former Knauss fellow who, while working in the office of Rep. Mike Thompson (CA-05), helped on a Water Resources bill that became law in late 2014.

"My time as a Knauss Executive Fellow provided me with real-world experience at the science-policy nexus and challenged me to grow my leadership skills."

— **Emily Cloyd**, a State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry graduate and former Knauss fellow at NOAA National Ocean Service's Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research



2016 Knauss Fellow **Erin Eastwood** standing in front of the U.S. Capitol Building during Knauss Day on the Hill. Credit: Erin Eastwood



Katherine Kaplan counts scallops on a survey. Credit: Katherine Kaplan



Dan Sousa doing some geologic field work at the Mormon Springs Detachment on Jumped Mountain, Nevada. Credit: Dan Sousa