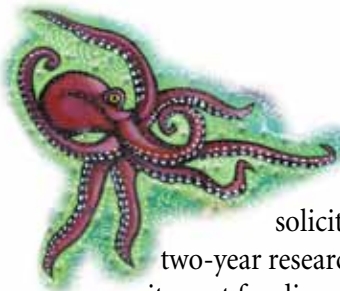


Washington Sea Grant 2009 Request for Projects



Washington Sea Grant (WSG) is soliciting one-to-two-year research projects for its next funding cycle, February 1, 2010 – January 31, 2012. Project support is offered on an open, competitive, peer-reviewed basis. WSG is a statewide program and invites applications from investigators from academic and research institutions throughout the state of Washington. Approximately \$2.4 million is available over two years.

WSG has revised its strategic plan for 2010 – 2014 to reflect new and anticipated opportunities and challenges at the state, regional and national levels. The strategic plan identifies four critical program areas:

- **Living marine ecosystems** — understanding the marine environment and conserving marine resources while providing for sustainable use.
- **Ocean and coastal environmental health** — assessing and addressing the effects of human activities, including contamination, habitat loss and aquatic invasive species.
- **Changing oceans and coastal communities** — providing support to coastal communities for economically sound and environmentally sustainable management and development.
- **Ocean literacy and workforce capacity** — educating students of all ages about ocean and coastal issues and strengthening marine workforce capacity.

Project Development and Funding Schedule

Action	Date
2009 Call for preliminary proposals issued	January 26
Preliminary proposals due by 5:00 p.m. PST	March 6
Invitation for full proposals	April 10
Full proposals due by 5:00 p.m. PST	May 22
Peer review period	June – Sept.
Proposal authors notified	Mid Sept.
WSG omnibus proposal submitted to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	October 30
2010 Projects start	February 1

Proposed projects must align with WSG's program goals and strategies. For guidance on WSG priority topics, applicants should refer to the WSG 2010-2014 strategic plan, available on the Web site.

WSG encourages applications from researchers in the natural, social and education sciences. WSG is especially interested in supporting collaborative projects, new interdisciplinary partnerships, and early career researchers.

Proposals to WSG are judged on: project contribution to WSG goals, relevant societal issues and capacity building; scientific and technical merit; outreach plan; applicant qualifications; and project costs. The degree of emphasis on scientific and other criteria will vary according to the project and between the evaluation of preliminary proposals and full proposals, but projects must demonstrate strength in *all* criteria. Details of the WSG evaluation criteria are

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WSG serves communities, industries and the people of Washington state, the Pacific Northwest and the nation through research, education and outreach by:

- identifying and addressing important marine issues;
- providing better tools for management of the marine environment and use of its resources; and
- initiating and supporting strategic partnerships within the marine community.

provided in the project guidelines. Please note that these evaluation criteria have been revised significantly and should be adhered to closely.

Complete guidelines for preparing and submitting proposals are posted on the WSG Web page, wsg.washington.edu. For more specific guidance concerning proposed research issues or the application process, please contact Director Penny Dalton, Associate Director Raechel Waters, or email wsgfrfp@u.washington.edu.



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