

**Pacific Northwest Consortium for Pre- and Postdoctoral Traineeships in Oceans and Human Health – OHH Graduate Student Traineeships
Guidelines for 2008 Applications**

The Pacific Northwest Consortium for Pre- and Postdoctoral Traineeships in Oceans and Human Health (PNW Consortium) was established to train the next generation of scientists in understanding and predicting interactions between oceans and human health. The PNW Consortium is composed of UW faculty, NOAA scientists and Washington Sea Grant managers. An Executive Committee will guide the program and conduct applicant interviews.

This new program will train early-career scientists to assist resource and human health managers in making sound decisions that reduce or eliminate human health risks through understanding and predicting the effects of oceans on human health. To achieve this goal, the PNW Consortium will provide graduate students and postdoctoral researchers with research opportunities in three general areas: shellfish safety, novel warning systems and model organisms. For a full description of program requirements and opportunities see the OHH Traineeship Program Information Web page (http://wsg.washington.edu/education/fellowships/ohh/ohh_traineeships/).

In 2008, the PNW Consortium is offering two graduate continuation traineeships, two graduate recruitment traineeships and one postdoctoral traineeship. These guidelines provide information on applying for graduate traineeships. For more information on the postdoctoral traineeship see Postdoctoral Traineeship Application Guidelines (http://wsg.washington.edu/education/fellowships/ohh/ohh_traineeships/PNW_Postdoc_Application.pdf).

Graduate Continuation Traineeship

(a) Award: In 2008, the PNW Consortium is offering a one-year traineeship and a two-year traineeship. Award for both traineeships will commence on September 24, 2008, and will provide stipend and tuition for one or two years.

(b) Eligibility: The graduate student must be in the second year or above, working on research related to oceans and human health. The student must be supervised by a faculty advisor who is a PNW Consortium member and may identify a NOAA PNW Consortium mentor to serve on his or her committee or host a practicum experience at a NOAA facility.

(c) Application Requirements:

- Curriculum vitae (not to exceed two pages)
- Thesis abstract that indicates how applicant's current research relates to oceans and human health (not to exceed one page)
- Personal statement that addresses applicant's graduate status, how current research relates to oceans and human health, applicant's interest in contributing to the goals of the PNW Consortium, anticipated interactions with NOAA and possible practicum interests (1000 words or less)
- Two signed letters of recommendation — one from the applicant's faculty advisor and one from someone familiar with the applicant's abilities

- A signed letter from a NOAA PNW Consortium member in support of the applicant's research
- Letter of financial support from the faculty advisor or NOAA mentor, indicating support for research during the traineeship and financial support for the applicant in the out-years to ensure progress towards completion of degree
- Copy of undergraduate and graduate transcripts

Graduate Recruitment Traineeship

(a) Award: In 2008 the PNW Consortium will offer up to two two-year traineeships. Award will commence on September 24, 2008 and will provide stipend and tuition for two years.

(b) Eligibility: The graduate student must be in the first year or a newly recruited student in oceans and human health. The student must be supervised by a faculty advisor who is a PNW Consortium member and may identify a NOAA PNW Consortium mentor to serve on his or her committee or host a practicum experience at a NOAA facility.

(c) Application Requirements:

- Curriculum vitae (not to exceed two pages)
- Personal statement that addresses applicant's current graduate status, how research relates to oceans and human health, applicant's interest in contributing to the goals of the PNW Consortium, anticipated interactions with NOAA, and possible practicum interests (1000 words or less)
- Two signed letters of recommendation — one from the applicant's faculty advisor, and one from someone familiar with the applicant's abilities
- Letter of financial support from the faculty advisor or NOAA mentor, indicating support for research during the traineeship and financial support for the applicant in the out-years to ensure progress towards completion of degree
- Copy of undergraduate (and graduate where applicable) transcripts

Application Deadline for all Candidates: 5:00 p.m. PST, Sept 8, 2008.

Application Submission: Applications should be submitted electronically (preferred) or by mail to:

Washington Sea Grant
 OHH Traineeships
 3716 Brooklyn Avenue NE
 Seattle, WA 98105-6716
sgfellow@u.washington.edu

Traineeship Selection Process: The evaluation of applications will be based upon content, academic record, recommendations, relevance of research to oceans and human health interests, and the applicant's experience. Candidates will be notified by September 22, 2008.

For additional information, please visit:

<http://wsg.washington.edu/education/fellowships/ohh.html>

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