

2016-2017 Marc Hershman Marine Policy Fellowship Application Guidelines

The Marc Hershman Marine Policy Fellowship provides unique educational opportunities for graduate students or recent graduates engaged in studies pertaining to ocean and coastal policy issues. This one-year paid fellowship program places highly motivated, qualified individuals with marine and coastal hosts in Olympia, Seattle, or Tacoma, Washington. The Hershman Fellowship offers students first-hand experiences in crafting marine and natural resource policies and allows them to share their academic expertise with their host offices. This year's host include the Washington State Department of Ecology, the Washington State Department of Health, the Puget Sound Partnership (tentative), the Makah Tribe, and The Nature Conservancy.

- **Fellowship Dates:** October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017
- **Eligibility:** Individuals who are graduate students enrolled at Washington universities or who have graduated in the calendar year the fellowship begins may apply. Applicants should be pursuing or have a degree in a marine-related field, including policy, law, social sciences, oceanography, and fishery sciences. They must also demonstrate a strong interest and some experience in marine science and public policy.
- **Award:** Each fellow will receive an award of \$49,000, including a stipend of \$45,000 to cover living costs and health care and \$4,000 for travel and other fellowship-related expenses.
- **Application Deadline:** 5:00 p.m. PST, May 18, 2016

Application Requirements:

1. **Personal education and career goal statement**
 - Statement should emphasize interest in, contribution to, and expectations from the fellowship
 - The hosts are most interested in knowing:
 - What motivates you?
 - How did you arrive at your current academic/career path?
 - What will you bring to the fellowship?
 - What are your career goals and how will the fellowship help you reach them?
 - *MAXIMUM of 1,000 words; 12 pt. font with 1" margins; PDF preferred*
2. **Curriculum vitae**
 - *MAXIMUM of two pages; 12 pt. font with 1" margins; PDF preferred*
3. **Written summary of academic highlights relevant to the fellowship**
 - *MAXIMUM of 300 words; 12 pt. font with 1" margins; PDF preferred*
4. **Two signed letters of recommendation**
 - Required: One from the major professor
 - Addressed to Ms. Penelope Dalton, Director, Washington Sea Grant
 - Sent directly to sgfellow@uw.edu or by mail
5. **Copy of undergraduate and graduate transcripts**
 - Unofficial copies acceptable
 - Sent directly to sgfellow@uw.edu or by mail

Fellowship Selection and Placement Process:

- **Timeline**
 - **April 8, 2016:** Fellowship application period opens
 - **May 18, 2016:** Applications are due to Washington Sea Grant
 - **June 7, 2016:** All applicants notified; finalists are selected
 - **Mid-June 2016:** Finalists interview with Hershman Review Panel; fellows are selected
 - **Late-June 2016:** Fellows interview with host offices
 - **Late-June 2016:** Fellow placements announced
 - **October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017:** Fellowship term

- **Process**
 - Applications should be submitted electronically to sgfellow@uw.edu (preferred) or by mail to: Marc Hershman Marine Policy Fellowship, ATTN: Chelsea Kahn, Washington Sea Grant, 3716 Brooklyn Avenue, NE, Seattle, WA 98105-6716. Applications are due May 18th, 2016 at 5:00 PM.
 - Washington Sea Grant will forward applications to representatives from Washington host offices for review and ranking, leading to the selection of eight to ten finalists. All applicants will be notified by June 7, 2016 regarding the outcome of the host offices' selection process. Evaluation criteria are as follows:
 - Academic record and employment history, including applicability to the fellowship
 - Contribution of the fellowship to career goals
 - Letters of recommendation
 - Personal skills, including initiative and communications
 - Community and extracurricular activities
 - The Hershman Fellowship Review Panel, convened by Washington Sea Grant, will interview finalists and select fellows. All finalists will be notified by mid-late June 2016, regarding the outcome of the panels' selection process. Evaluation criteria are as listed previously, plus the interview.
 - Selected fellows will interview with all potential host offices in late June 2016 to determine placement. After host interviews, Washington Sea Grant will facilitate the placement of fellows, working with fellows and hosts to address their requests. Fellows will be notified of their placements a few days after their interviews.

For additional information, please visit the Hershman Fellowship Web page, <https://wsg.washington.edu/students-teachers/fellowships/hershman-fellowship/>, or contact: Chelsea Kahn, Research and Education Specialist - Washington Sea Grant 206.616.5718; sgfellow@uw.edu.