Science Communications Fellowship: Guidelines for Applications


Science needs good stories: Washington Sea Grant Science Communication Fellows make those stories happen. Science communications fellows may write features for Sea Star, blog about coastal research, or develop their own multimedia projects to connect people with marine science that matters. Along the way, they build portfolios that help them gain recognition as writers and communicators who can break down the barriers between scientific information and public understanding.

Fellowship terms: The fellowship period will be from September 30, 2015 – March 21, 2016. Fellows will receive a $3,000 stipend and are expected to work an average of 8-10 hours per week. Fellows are also expected to meet regularly with WSG communications staff and to maintain consistent email contact when working offsite.

Qualifications and application: Upper-level undergraduate and graduate students in any field from Washington universities and colleges may apply. Applicants must demonstrate strong writing skills, a good general grounding in the sciences, and a special interest in marine science, education, or policy. Applicants should have at least some social media experience or be interested in developing their digital content skills. The selection committee will consider writing samples, related experience and studies, references and the relevance of the fellowship to future career goals.

Applications should be sent to sgfellow@uw.edu. They should include the following materials:

1. A cover letter (500 words or less) explaining your qualifications for the fellowship and describing how the experience supports your long-term goals.
2. Two to three writing samples.
3. A two-page resume that includes any publications and any personal or work/volunteer-related social media channels that you’ve managed.
4. Two letters of reference, including one from your professor, instructor, or academic advisor.
5. Unofficial copies of all undergraduate and graduate transcripts.

Deadline: Applications for the fellowship are due to Washington Sea Grant by August 31, 2015. Finalists will be selected and interviewed late September 2015 (TBA).

For questions and additional information

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