

Washington Sea Grant Student Assistant — Securing Adaptable and Resilient Coastal Food Systems

Department: Washington Sea Grant (WSG)

Date Available: Immediately

Application Deadline: First consideration given to applications received by **May 28, 2021**.

A leader in research, outreach and education for more than 50 years, Washington Sea Grant helps people understand and address the challenges facing Washington's ocean and coasts. WSG serves the Pacific Northwest and the nation by funding high quality marine research and working with communities, managers, decision-makers, businesses, educators and the public to advance regional understanding and sustainable use of ocean and coastal resources. WSG envisions healthy, productive and resilient coastal and marine ecosystems that sustain Washington's rich cultural and maritime heritage, vibrant coastal communities, clean waters and beaches, prosperous fisheries and aquaculture, diverse wildlife and an engaged public. WSG endorses and is committed to pursuing activities that advance two cross-cutting principles within its core functions of research, outreach, education and communications: cultivating partnerships and practicing a commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.

General Duties/Description:

Washington Sea Grant is seeking a student assistant to support the Securing Adaptable and Resilient Coastal Food Systems project. The student assistant will work closely with the WSG Project Lead (Melissa Poe, social scientist) to retrieve and assemble 'best practices' documents; and help prepare a pilot demonstration report based on lessons learned in an on-going collaboration with the Makah Tribe to build a local foods harvesting and community distribution program. In addition, the student assistant will provide support on a broad array of operational, communications, and planning tasks. The person in this position will be self-directed and able to effectively communicate with WSG staff and project partners, including Lummi and Makah tribal partners as needed. This position requires the ability to be highly organized, detail-oriented, and effective at in-person and virtual communication. This opportunity is open to undergraduate and graduate students.

Requirements:

- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Excellent follow-through, attention to detail, organized, with strong documentation skills
- Literature retrieval and document curation experience
- Flexible attitude, and self-directed when working independently
- A commitment to the goals and ideals of Washington Sea Grant

Desired Skills and Attributes:

- Interest in and experience working on Indigenous environmental affairs or food systems
- Demonstrated proficiency with Microsoft Office applications and Google Share Drives
- Upper-division or graduate level student preferred

Hours:

Up to 19.5 hours per week during the school quarters; opportunity for more hours during summer. The position ends August 31, 2021.

Salary: Salary is competitive and commensurate with academic standing, qualifications, and experience.

How to Apply: Email cover letter, resume, and the names of 2 professional references in a single PDF document to Dr. Melissa Poe (mpoe@uw.edu). Priority deadline is **May 28, 2021**