

## Fall/Winter Quarters 2021

### Graduate Students: Washington Sea Grant Science Communications Fellowship Application Guidelines

**Fellowship Dates:** Fall/Winter Quarters October 18, 2021 – March 18, 2022

Washington Sea Grant has an opening for a science communication fellowship that spans Fall and Winter quarters 2021. Science Communications fellows gain skills in science writing. Fellows may write features for the newsletter, work with media on 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.

**Eligibility:** 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. Samples do not have to be from an academic source. References do not have to be from an academic instructor but could be from another reputable source. The fellowship is open to graduate students only.

**Award:** Fellows receive a \$3,400 stipend and are expected to work an average of 10 hours per week remotely. Fellows are also expected to meet online regularly with WSG communications staff and to maintain consistent email contact while working offsite.

**Application Deadline:** Applications for the fellowship are due to Washington Sea Grant by **5:00 p.m. PST on Sept. 24, 2021**. Finalists will be selected and interviewed in **early October**.

**NOTE:** *Reference letters may be sent with the applications as part of the package or sent separately-either way is fine. Include your contact information at the top of your cover letter (email and phone).*

Applications for the College of the Environment Science Communication Fellowship and the Washington Sea Grant Science Communication Fellowship will be considered *concurrently* in a joint selection process. Applicants may apply to *both* opportunities but must note clearly on the cover letter which fellowship they are applying for, and if applying for both, must state that they are applying for both.

#### **Application Requirements:**

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. Up to 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 a professor, instructor or academic advisor.
5. Unofficial copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts.

**Fellowship selection and placement process:** Applications should be submitted electronically to [sgfellow@uw.edu](mailto:sgfellow@uw.edu) or by mail to: WSG Science Communications Fellowship, Washington Sea Grant, 3716 Brooklyn Avenue, NE, Seattle, WA 98105-6716. For additional information contact MaryAnn Wagner at [maryannb@uw.edu](mailto:maryannb@uw.edu).