

WSG Undergraduate Science Communications Fellowship Application Guidelines

Washington Sea Grant Undergraduate Science Communications fellows gain skills in science writing. Fellows may write features for the *Sea Star* 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: Undergraduate 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 undergraduates only.

Award: Fellows 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.

Application Deadline: Applications for the fellowship are due to Washington Sea Grant by **5:00 p.m. PST on December 28, 2018**. Finalists will be selected and interviewed in **January, 2019**. Reference letters may be sent with the applications as part of the package.

Fellowship Dates: Winter-Spring Quarters: **January 14 – June 17, 2019**

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. 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.

Fellowship selection and Placement Process: Applications should be submitted electronically to 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.