2015-2016 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 four to five highly motivated, qualified individuals with marine and coastal host offices 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 offices include the Washington State Departments of Ecology, Health, Parks and Recreation Commission (tentative), and the Puget Sound Partnership; and The Nature Conservancy.

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 $45,000. This sum provides a monthly stipend for one year, plus a small allowance for health insurance and travel expenses.

Application Deadline: 5:00 p.m. PST, May 15, 2015

Fellowship Dates: October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016

Application Requirements:

- Personal and academic curriculum vitae (not more than two pages)
- Personal education and career goal statement emphasizing your interest in, contribution to, and expectations from the fellowship (1,000 words or less)
- Two signed letters of recommendation — one from the your major professor and one from someone familiar with your abilities (Please address letters to Ms. Penelope Dalton, Director, Washington Sea Grant)
- Copy of unofficial undergraduate and graduate transcripts, plus a written summary of your academic highlights relevant to the fellowship (one paragraph)

Note: Statement, CV and academic summary must be in 12 pt. font with 1" margins.

Statement Guidelines:

Your statement is an opportunity to tell the host offices a little more about yourself. The offices 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?
Fellowship Selection and Placement Process:

1. Applications should be submitted electronically (preferable) to sgfellow@uw.edu or by mail to: Marc Hershman Marine Policy Fellowship, Washington Sea Grant, 3716 Brooklyn Avenue, NE, Seattle, WA 98105-6716.

2. 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 5, 2015 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

3. 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 2015, regarding the outcome of the panels' selection process. Evaluation criteria are as listed previously, plus the interview.

4. Selected fellows will interview with all potential host offices in mid-late June 2015 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, http://wsg.washington.edu/wordpress/home/students-teachers/fellowships/hershman-fellowship/, or contact: Nancy Reichley Education Specialist Washington Sea Grant 206.685.8302; sgfellow@u.washington.edu

Timeline

- **April 6, 2015**: Fellowship application period opens
- **May 15, 2015**: Applications are due to Washington Sea Grant
- **June 5, 2015**: All applicants notified; finalists are selected
- **Early June 2015**: Finalists interview with Hershman Review Panel; fellows are selected
- **Mid-June 2015**: Fellows interview with host offices
- **Mid-June 2015**: Fellow placements announced
- **October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016**: Fellowship term