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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship, National Sea Grant College Program

AGENCY: Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and amendment of FRN 000522149-1259-03.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that applications may be submitted for a Fellowship program which was initiated by the National Sea Grant Office (NSGO), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), in fulfilling its broad educational responsibilities and legislative mandate of the Sea Grant Act, to provide educational experience in the policies and processes of the Legislative and Executive Branches of the Federal Government to graduate students in marine and aquatic-related fields. This notice also announces that in the **Federal Register** notice published on November 14, 2001 (66 FR 57039), the section on "Stipend and Expenses" (p. 57039) is amended to say "In addition, any remaining funds shall be used during the Fellowship year, first to satisfy academic degree-related activities, and second for Fellowship-related activities." That same provision is included in this notice for the Class of 2004.

DATES: Deadlines vary from program to program, but applications from prospective fellows to Sea Grant Colleges are generally due early to mid-April. Contact your state's Sea Grant program for specific deadlines (see list below). Selected applications from the sponsoring Sea Grant program (one original and two copies) are to be received in the NSGO no later than 5 p.m. e.d.t. on May 14, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be addressed to your local Sea Grant program. Contact the appropriate state's Sea Grant program from the list below to obtain the mailing address, or the address may be obtained on the Web site <http://www.nsgo.seagrant.org/SGDirectors.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Nikola Garber, Knauss Fellows Program Manager, National Sea Grant College Program, R/SG, NOAA, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, Tel. (301) 713-2431 ext. 124; e-mail: nikola.garber@noaa.gov. Also call your nearest Sea Grant program or visit the Web site <http://www.nsgo.seagrant.org/Knauss.html>.

Sea Grant Programs

Alabama, Mississippi—Alabama Sea Grant Consortium, (228) 818-8843.

Alaska, University of Alaska, (907) 474-6840.

California, University of California, San Diego, (858) 534-4440.

California, University of Southern California, (213) 821-1335.

Connecticut, University of Connecticut, (860) 405-9128.

Delaware, University of Delaware (302) 831-2841.

Florida, University of Florida, (352) 392-5870.

Georgia, University of Georgia, (706) 542-5954.

Hawaii, University of Hawaii, (808) 956-7031.

Illinois, University of Illinois, (217) 333-6444.

Indiana, University of Illinois (217) 333-6444.

Louisiana, Louisiana Sea Grant, (225) 578-6710.

Maine, University of Maine, (207) 581-1422.

Maryland, University of Maryland, (301) 403-4220 Ext. 10.

Massachusetts, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, (617) 253-7131.

Massachusetts, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, (508) 289-2557.

Michigan, University of Michigan, (734) 615-4084.

Minnesota, University of Minnesota, (218) 726-8710.

Mississippi, Mississippi—Alabama Sea Grant Consortium, (228) 818-8843.

New Hampshire, University of New Hampshire, (603) 862-0122.

New Jersey, New Jersey Marine Science Consortium, (732) 872-1300 Ext. 21.

New York, New York Sea Grant Institute, SUNY, (631) 632-6905.

North Carolina, North Carolina State University, (919) 515-2454.

Ohio, Ohio State University, (614) 292-8949.

Oregon, Oregon State University, (541) 737-2714.

Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State University, (814) 898-6160.

Puerto Rico, University of Puerto Rico, (787) 832-3585.

Rhode Island, University of Rhode Island, (401) 874-6802.

South Carolina, South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium, (843) 727-2078.

Texas, Texas A&M University, (979) 845-3854.

Vermont, University of Vermont, (802) 656-0682.

Virginia, Virginia Graduate Marine Science Consortium, (434) 924-5965.

Washington, University of Washington, (206) 543-6600.

Wisconsin, University of Wisconsin-Madison, (608) 262-0905.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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Purpose of the Fellowship Program

In 1979, the National Sea Grant Office, NOAA, in fulfilling its broad educational responsibilities, initiated a program to provide a unique educational experience in the policies and processes of the Legislative and Executive Branches of the Federal Government to graduate students who have an interest in ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resources and in the national policy decisions affecting these resources. The U.S. Congress recognized the value of this program and, in 1987, Public Law 100-220 stipulated the Sea Grant Federal Fellows Program was to be a formal part of the National Sea Grant College Program Act. The recipients are designated Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellows pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1127(b). The National Sea Grant program is listed in the *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance* under number 11.417: Sea Grant Support.

Announcement

Following receipt of notice from the NSGO, the local Sea Grant program will send an announcement to all participating Sea Grant institutions and campuses.

Eligibility

Any student who, on April 1, 2003, is in a graduate or professional program in a marine or aquatic-related field at a United States accredited institution of higher education in the United States may apply.