

forwarded to the NSGO by the state Sea Grant Programs by 5 p.m. (local time) on December 8, 2003.

Address for Submitting Applications: Applications from institutions of higher education in Sea Grant states must be submitted to the state Sea Grant Program. The addresses of the state Sea Grant College Programs may be found at the following Internet website: (<http://www.nsgo.seagrant.org/SGDirectors.html>) or may also be obtained by contacting Mr. Joseph Brown at the NSGO (mail address: National Sea Grant College Program, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone: 301-713-2438 x135; or e-mail: joe.brown@noaa.gov). Applications from elsewhere may be submitted either to the nearest state Sea Grant Program or directly to the NSGO. Applications submitted to the NSGO should be addressed to: National Sea Grant Office, R/SG, Attn: Mrs. Geraldine Taylor, Proposal Processing, Room 11732, NOAA, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (telephone number for express mail applications is 301-713-2445).

Information Contact(s): Dr. Leon M. Cammen, National Sea Grant College Program, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910; tel: (301) 713-2435 ext. 136; e-mail: leon.cammen@noaa.gov; or any state Sea Grant Program.

Eligibility: Prospective Fellows must be enrolled or provisionally accepted in an MS or PhD degree program at an institution of higher education in the United States or its territories. Applications must be submitted by the institution of higher education.

Cost Sharing Requirements: Required 50 percent match of the Federal funds by the industrial partner.

Intergovernmental Review: Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

2. GradFell 2004 NMFS - Sea Grant Joint Graduate Fellowship Program in Population Dynamics and Marine Resource Economics.

Summary Description: The National Sea Grant College Program (Sea Grant) within OAR is seeking applications for one of its fellowship programs to fulfill its broad educational responsibilities and to strengthen the collaboration between Sea Grant and NMFS. Fellows will work on thesis problems of public interest and relevance to NMFS and have summer internships at participating NMFS Science Centers or Laboratories under the guidance of NMFS mentors.

Funding Availability: The NMFS - Sea Grant Joint Graduate Fellowship Program in Population Dynamics and Marine Resource Economics expects to support four new Fellows for 2-3 years beginning in FY 2004. The award for each fellowship will be a cooperative agreement of \$38,000 per year, with an anticipated start date of June 1, 2004.

Statutory Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1127(a).

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 11.417, Sea Grant Support.

Application Deadline: Applications must be received by 5 p.m. (local time) on December 1, 2003 by a state Sea Grant Program [or by the National Sea Grant Office (NSGO) in the case of an institution of higher education in a non-Sea Grant state]. Applications are due at the NSGO from state Sea Grant Programs by 5 p.m. EST on December 8, 2003.

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Information Contact: Dr. Emory D. Anderson, National Sea Grant College Program, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910; tel: (301) 713-2435 ext. 144; e-mail: emory.anderson@noaa.gov; any state Sea Grant Program; or any participating NMFS facility.

Eligibility: Applicants must be United States citizens and must be enrolled or provisionally accepted in a PhD degree program in population dynamics or a related field (e.g., applied mathematics, statistics, or quantitative ecology) or in natural resource economics or a related field at an institution of higher education in the United States or its territories. Applications must be

submitted by an institution of higher education.

Cost Sharing Requirements: Required 50 percent match of the NSGO funds by the academic institution (i.e., \$6,333).

Intergovernmental Review: Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

Limitation of Liability

Funding for programs listed in this notice is contingent upon the availability of Fiscal Year 2004 appropriations. NOAA issues this notice subject to the appropriations made available under the current continuing resolution (CR), H.J. Res. 69, "Making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes," Public Law 108-85. NOAA anticipates making awards for programs listed in this notice provided that funding for the programs is continued beyond October 31, 2003, the expiration of the current continuing resolution. In no event will NOAA or the Department of Commerce be responsible for proposal preparation costs if these programs fail to receive funding or are cancelled because of other agency priorities. Publication of this announcement does not oblige NOAA to award any specific project or to obligate any available funds.

Universal Identifier

Applicants should be aware that, for programs that have deadline dates on or after October 1, 2003, they will be required to provide a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number during the application process. See the June 27, 2003 (68 FR 38402) **Federal Register** notice for additional information. Organizations can receive a DUNS number at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free DUNS Number request line at 1-866-705-5711 or via the internet (<http://www.dunandbradstreet.com>).

The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements

The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of October 1, 2001 (66 FR 49917), as amended by the **Federal Register** notice published on October 30, 2002 (67 FR 66109), are applicable to this solicitation.

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