Alaska Sea Grant RFP
Informational Session
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Alaska Sea Grant Strategic Plan 2024–2027

This plan identifies Alaska Sea Grant’s mission, vision, core values, goals, actions, and desired outcomes in addressing key coastal and marine issues in Alaska. The plan helps us focus and unify Alaska Sea Grant’s vision and communicate our priorities to interested parties and partners. We use the plan to align with National Sea Grant and to guide how we direct staff and fiscal resources.

Alaska Sea Grant

The Alaska Sea Grant College Program, one of 34 Sea Grant programs nationwide, is a statewide program headquartered at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Alaska Sea Grant was established in 1970 and is the only Sea Grant program located in the Arctic. We are a state-federal partnership with the majority of federal funding coming from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). State funding comes from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Grants and donations from state, federal, and local governments, tribes, industry, organizations, and program income from training and meeting fees and publication sales enhance Alaska Sea Grant’s funding.

Alaska Sea Grant is an integrated program of communication, education, extension, and research that engages partners and functions as a center of knowledge, a convener, and a trusted provider of information. We strive to innovative and adapt as we address critical and changing coastal and marine issues in our state. We work to enhance the sustainable use and conservation of our marine, coastal, and watershed resources.

Alaska Sea Grant’s strength is in the trust that Alaskans have in our work and those who carry it out including Marine Advisory faculty, communications and administrative staff, researchers, students and fellows, and a diverse and active group of partners and advisors. For more than 50 years, we have served Alaska from offices located in coastal communities across the state as well as on the main University of Alaska Fairbanks campus. We increase our effectiveness and reach by collaborating with and building networks among people, communities, and organizations.

Our mission

Alaska Sea Grant’s mission is to enhance the sustainable use and conservation of Alaska’s marine, coastal and watershed resources to create a strong economy, a healthy environment, and resilient and inclusive communities.

Our vision

Alaska Sea Grant envisions diverse, thriving Alaskan coastal communities and ecosystems that are supported by an engaged, environmentally-wise public and informed decision-makers.
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2 year projects
Project budgets about $100K in federal funding plus 2 years grad student stipend, tuition & health insurance

50% non-federal cost share required
Cost share may be in kind or cash
Total budgets ~$150k
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**Strategic Plan** Focus Areas:

- Healthy Coastal Ecosystems
- Sustainable Fisheries & Aquaculture*
- Resilient Communities & Economies
- Environmental Literacy & Workforce Development

*National Sea Grant will provide additional funding for Aquaculture projects*
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Benefits to Alaskan communities - address an emerging issue
Significant engagement and outreach

Cross-Cutting Principles in 2024-2027 Strategic Plan
- Cultivate and sustain partnerships
- Enhance diversity, equity, inclusion, justice and accessibility
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Earliest start date: February 1, 2024
Latest end date: January 31, 2026
Pre- and full proposal submission via eSeaGrant

https://eseagrant.alaska.edu/

*The PI must start the application and collaborators can be given access after

Research RFP portal is now open
Welcome to eSeaGrant

The online proposal and reporting system for Alaska Sea Grant.

Individuals who have applied previously for Alaska funding may already be in the system: To confirm this, please click the “Forgot Password” link at the bottom of the login form, enter your username (email address), and click “Submit.”

If you are unable to login, or if you have any other questions with this site, please contact Dave Partee, dave.partee@alaska.edu.
New PIs need to first register in eSeaGrant

REGISTRATION for online proposal submission is only open to Primary Investigators (PI).

- DO NOT register using information not directly related to the Primary Investigator of the intended proposal(s).

- A PI that has changed their email address should login with their old email address and update their email address in the system at the Investigators step within proposal submission. If a PI registers twice, they should notify the eSG Administrator to remove the duplicate, login with their old email address and update their email address in the system at the Investigators step.

- Not sure if you are registered?... Retrieve Password

Name & Affiliation

First Name

Last Name

Affiliation

I’m not a robot
Pre-proposal Elements

- Fill out online
  - Title, keywords, start/end date
  - Investigator(s) contact info
  - Demographics Question (Google Form)
  - Focus area and major topical areas
  - Graduate student support
  - 10 suggested reviewers
    - no Conflict of Interest
      - Institutional
      - Personal & Collaborative
Pre-proposal Elements

- Upload PDFs
  - PI and co-PI CVs
  - Pre-Proposal 4 page PDF
    - Project narrative (2 pg max)
    - Engagement plan (1 pg max)
    - Results of previous ASG support (1 pg max)
Additional Elements for Full Proposal

- Fill out online
  - Project summary (Objectives, Methods, Rationale)
- Upload
  - Project Narrative (15 pg max)
  - Engagement Plan (1 pg max)
  - Budget and budget narrative (50% cost share required)
  - Current and Pending Support
  - Letters of Collaboration
  - Data Sharing Plan (2 pg max)
  - NEPA questionnaire
Engagement

Engage at the local level

- Identify local organizations; tribal, NGOs, city or borough, locally based resource managers, etc.
- Connect with local organizations in the area you are proposing to conduct research at the beginning of the project
- Understand local research needs or research questions
- If there is capacity, conduct joint research projects.
  - Local organizations can assist with community based monitoring and coproduction of knowledge
- Make sure to connect at the research proposal stage, research planning stage, during research, and share your research when completed

Resources on best practices in engagement at https://alaskaseagrant.org/research/engagement/
Alaska Sea Grant can help make connections

Marine Advisory Program Faculty

- Community and regional expertise
- Topical expertise based on regional needs
- Can provide assistance with research or making connections with local organizations
- Their participation is funded outside of the research RFP
Future Engagement

Build Rapport with Area Residents and Organizations

- Create long-term relationships
- Expand your research into the future
- Enable future research and funding
- Ensure your research is relevant to local, regional, and state needs
## Review Criteria

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For more information:
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