



ALASKA SEA GRANT

COMMUNITY ENGAGED FELLOWSHIP

for undergraduate students

OVERVIEW FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

The Alaska Sea Grant Community Engaged Fellowship (CEF) program for undergraduate students aims to broaden participation in coastal and marine sciences and related fields in order to make them inclusive and representative of the many cultures, ethnicities and identities of students in Alaska. CEF does this by providing training and mentorship to early-stage university and community college students as well as recent graduates from high school or college who identify as indigenous, non-traditional students, as a minoritized or underrepresented group, and/or from a rural community.

Fellows are paid a stipend of \$7,500.

As a Fellow, you will participate in a customized 10-week summer fellowship that includes:

- pairing with a mentor who shares your professional interests to collaboratively design a project
- completing a project that pairs community involvement with addressing a coastal or marine issue of environmental, economic, cultural or social importance
- joining a national cohort of CEF students who are completing projects around the country
- participating in professional development and training opportunities
- additional opportunities for mentoring by Sea Grant professionals, researchers, partners, and Sea Grant-supported students



Joi Gross, an environmental science undergraduate at the University of Alaska Southeast, worked with Alaska Environment for her CEF project. Joi sampled waterways across Southcentral Alaska for microplastics and shared her findings with the public.



Simon Friday and Willow Jackson worked on the ocean monitoring team for the Kake Climate Partnership for their CEF experience. The partners work together to conduct climate research and adaptation planning that provides tangible benefits to the community. The CEF program allowed Simon and Willow to spend the summer working in their hometown, while receiving training and gaining skills to advance their career development.



Placements are dependent on available funding and mentors.

To apply, please attach the following written information to seagrant.fellowships@alaska.edu by **March 1 of the year** you would like to participate as a CEF fellow.

A written statement of interest, no more than two pages, proofread and relatively free of errors, that includes

- your professional interests and career goals
- why the CEF program interests you and how you relate to the goals of the program
- an idea for a project or an organization you would like to work with, if you have one
- your current degree or certificate program and how this fellowship will help you fulfill your degree requirements, a thesis or project for your degree, or career goals
- other information you think will help us match you for a project

A resume or CV, up to two pages, that describes your education and any work and volunteer experience, activities, skills, goals, publications, presentations, and any other information that will help us match you for a project.

Your application materials will be reviewed by the Alaska Sea Grant CEF committee. Once reviewed, we will contact you to discuss your application and potential projects for your CEF experience. CEF placements are dependent on a satisfactory application as well as available funding and mentors.

Alaska Sea Grant faculty and staff are available for questions and coaching as you consider this opportunity and develop your application.



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About the Community Engaged Fellowship

The Community Engaged Fellowship is a national program sponsored by Sea Grant. The goal of this paid fellowship program is to provide training and mentorship to the next generation of scientists, decision makers and citizens. Fellowships can vary based on the diversity of [focus areas at Alaska Sea Grant](#). Fellows assist mentors with field work, analyses, research, or outreach and public engagement. Students will be placed at a Sea Grant office or with a partner organization.

Program goals are to recruit, retain and engage diverse students in place-based research, extension, education and communication that respects and integrates local knowledge systems to address coastal and marine issues. We also hope to encourage students to seek careers in marine and coastal professions and offer coaching to each student on career exploration.



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