



2017-2018 International Joint Commission-Sea Grant Fellowship

Michigan Sea Grant (MISG) and the International Joint Commission (IJC) are teaming up to offer the IJC-MISG Fellowship. One fellow will be placed at the IJC Great Lakes Regional Office, located in Windsor, Ontario, for one year, focusing on international water policy and management issues.

Award Information

The International Joint Commission-Sea Grant Fellowship will start June 1, 2017, and run for one year (12 months) and cannot be renewed or deferred. Pre-award spending may be authorized 90 days prior to the start date of the award.

Eligible Applicants

Any student who is in a graduate or professional program in a marine or aquatic-related field at a U.S. accredited institution of higher education may apply. For the 2017 fellowship, applicants must have completed or are completing a master's, doctoral, or professional degree between January 1, 2016 and May 31, 2017 to be eligible.

A. Application and Submission Information

Failure to follow these requirements will result in applications being rejected without review. Application package must include:

- (1) Two signed letters of recommendation, including one from the student's major professor; if no major professor exists, a faculty person best knowing the applicant academically may be substituted. Letters of endorsement from members of Congress, friends, or relatives will not be accepted. Any letters beyond the two letters of recommendation will be disregarded by the selection panel.
- (2) A personal education and career goal statement emphasizing the applicant's abilities and what the applicant expects to gain from the fellowship experience in the way of career development (1000 words or less).
- (3) Personal and academic curriculum vitae (not to exceed two pages).
- (4) Clear, scanned copy of all official undergraduate and graduate student transcripts.
- (5) Listing of classes and/or plans for spring 2017, summer 2017, and fall 2017 (not to exceed one page).

B. Submission Dates and Times

Applicants must submit materials by **5:00 p.m. (Eastern) February 27, 2017**, to the IJC-Michigan Sea Grant Fellowship website. Applications received after the deadline will be rejected without further consideration. **The materials must be submitted through the website: www.miseagrant.com.** No e-mailed or faxed applications will be accepted.

C. Funding Availability

The fellowship will provide \$56,500 in stipend, travel, and benefits. Michigan Sea Grant receives and administers the overall cooperative agreement of \$56,500 on behalf of the fellow.

Funding details:

The fellow will receive \$47,000 as a stipend to cover living expenses. Of the total cooperative agreement amount, a \$4,000 provides to cover mandatory health insurance for the fellow. Finally, any remaining funds of the \$5,500 shall be used for fellowship-related activities during the fellowship year. The fellow is responsible for keeping receipts and supporting documentation for all academic degree- and fellowship-related expenses.

During the fellowship, the International Joint Commission may provide supplemental funds for work-related travel by the Fellow. **The Fellow's supervisor will be Dr. Jennifer Boehme, Environmental Scientist.**

Indirect costs are not allowable from the IJC funds either for the fellowships or for any costs associated with the fellowship.

D. Application Review Information

Evaluation Criteria – The evaluation criteria and weighting of the criteria are as follows:

- (1) Recommendations and/or endorsements of student (15% total):
 - a. Content of the letter from the applicant's major professor, and the second letter of recommendation.
- (2) Academic record and statement of career goals and objectives of student (45% total):
 - a. Quality of the applicant's personal education and career goal statement (30%).
 - b. Strength of academic performance (15%).
- (3) Additional relevant experience (40% total) in marine or aquatic-related fields and GIS skills, as well as:
 - a. Diversity of education.
 - b. Extra-curricular activities.
 - c. Honors and awards.
 - d. Interpersonal, written, and oral communications skills.

E. Review and Selection Process

Michigan Sea Grant will form a review panel, including an IJC member, to interview and individually discuss each application based on the evaluation criteria listed in the previous section. Following this discussion, an individual score will be provided by each panel member. Once all applications have been discussed and scored, an average score will be computed for each application. The top scoring applicants will then be submitted to the International Joint Commission. Michigan Sea Grant may select and forward to the International Joint Commission no more than three (3) applications based on the evaluation criteria. MISG will send the selected

applications to International Joint Commission no later than the deadline of 5:00 p.m. (Eastern) on March 31, 2017.

F. Anticipated Announcement and Award Dates

The International Joint Commission competitive selection process and subsequent notification to Michigan Sea Grant will be completed by April 21, 2017. Awards are for one year (06/01/2017-05/31/2018) and cannot be renewed. Pre-award spending will be approved 90 days prior to the start date of the award.

G. Award Notification

The International Joint Commission will notify Michigan Sea Grant of its selection via e-mail. Michigan Sea Grant will, in turn, formally notify the applicant. The applications that are not ultimately selected for funding will be destroyed one year after the submission date.

H. Reporting

An annual performance report (summary of accomplishments and activities) is to be submitted to the environmental scientist and secretariat at the International Joint Commission, and the Michigan Sea Grant program manager/fiscal officer.

I. Fellowship Contacts

Phone: (734) 643-1530 or e-mail: msgfellowship@umich.edu.

About the International Joint Commission

In 1909, Canada and the United States signed the Boundary Waters Treaty, which created the IJC, because national leaders recognized that each country is affected by the other's actions in lake and river systems along the border. With three commissioners from each country, the IJC finds science-based, independent solutions to transboundary conflicts, balancing competing interests in pursuit of the common good. For more information, visit: www.ijc.org.

About Michigan Sea Grant

Through research, education, and outreach, Michigan Sea Grant is dedicated to the protection and sustainable use of the Great Lakes and coastal resources. Michigan Sea Grant, a cooperative program of the University of Michigan (UM) and Michigan State University (MSU), is part of the National Sea Grant College Program. MISG is part of a national network of more than 33 university-based Sea Grant programs in coastal states across the country, administered through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). For more information, visit: www.miseagrant.umich.edu.