

Educational Partnership Program with Minority Serving Institutions

Graduate Fellowship Program

April 15, 2022

Informational Conference Call

Implementation period of September 2022 through August 31, 2023

- Graduate students supported from NOAA EPP/MSI Cooperative Science Centers.
- The NOAA EPP/MSI GFP is a 12-month award. Fellowships are competitive.
- Experiential opportunities at a NOAA facility with guidance from a NOAA mentor in collaboration with an academic advisor.
- Financial package is based on the degree being pursued.
- Fellows' research and professional development is guided through collaboration with a NOAA manager/mentor and academic advisor
- Successful Fellows **may not** receive financial support from any other NOAA award.

About the NOAA EPP/MSI Graduate Fellowship Program

- GFP is intended to establish a pipeline of high performing and well trained talent for NOAA and the Nation.
- Fellows' education is enhanced by real world experiential experiences and will contribute to enhancing skills and readiness to enter the NOAA mission workforce.
- **Current Cohort member of a CSC** - pursuing a degree in science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) or a policy discipline directly aligned with the NOAA mission.
- GFP Fellows engage in NOAA mission research and policy activities at a host NOAA facility.
- Fellows are **required to integrate human dimension aspects in their research** fellowship project under the guidance of the NOAA mentor(s) at a NOAA facility.

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- GFP Applications are submitted only through the Center Director
- **Applications may be obtained from the NOAA Cooperative Science Center Director and are submitted directly to NOAA EPP/MSI only through the CSC Director;**

Applications must include a Project Plan with Milestones along with 3 letters of recommendation – from the Center Director, the academic advisor and the NOAA mentor; and,

- Completed application, including all 3 letters of recommendation and other required documents, are submitted on-line at EPP.GFP@noaa.gov to NOAA EPP/MSI by the Center Director;
- Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

FINANCIAL PACKAGE

Doctoral Cohort Fellow

- Stipend, tuition and fees - \$60K
- Professional Development: - \$6K
- Travel support (research travel and conferences presentations) - \$10K
- Housing subsidy (based on need to relocate)
- \$ 10K maximum
- Computer, peripherals and software - \$4.5K maximum - based on need

Master's Cohort Fellow

- Stipend, tuition and fees - \$45K
- Professional Development: - \$6K
- Travel support (research travel and conferences presentations) - \$10K
- Housing subsidy (based on need to relocate)
- \$ 10K maximum
- Computer, peripherals and software - \$4.5K maximum - based on need

ELIGIBILITY & REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility

- Applicants must be currently enrolled, and retain enrollment status, as a full-time student for the duration of the Fellowship at one of NOAA's EPP/MSI Cooperative Science Centers in an accredited graduate degree program. In addition, applicants must meet the following criteria:
 - Minimum GPA 3.5 for the duration of GFP;
 - US Citizenship;
 - Undergraduate degree in STEM or policy aligned with NOAA mission;
 - Enrolled in a Master's or Doctoral program and matriculated in STEM discipline that directly supports NOAA's mission;
 - Completed one academic term of graduate coursework;

Reporting Requirements

- Status Reports submitted to NOAA mentor, academic advisor and NOAA EPP/MSI three times during the fellowship.
- Performance reports 1&2 must contain progress on research, challenges encountered - resolution to challenges and outcomes of professional development activities.
- The third performance report must contain findings, outcomes and accomplishments.
- Presentation the results of the fellowship at a OneNOAA Science Seminar, CSC institution seminar & National/regional conferences

GFP Timeline

- March 1, 2022 - application period opened
- May 20, 2022 - application period closes
- May 30, 2022 – Review of applications by NOAA
- June 27 - 29, 2022 - Interviews of eligible applicants by EPP/MSI
- NLT July 5, 2022 – Selected Fellows Notified
- July 18 - 20, 2022 - NOAA EPP/MSI conducts GFP orientation and selected contractor to administer the MBTI instrument, conduct type assessments, team building, conflict resolution etc.
- July 19 - 22, 2022 - Fellows **complete documentation to initiate background checks and eventual issuance of CAC cards.**
- September 1, 2022 - August 31, 2023 - fellowships conducted at NOAA