

# New York Coastal Resilience Law and Policy Program Summer Fellowship 2025

## Why apply for this fellowship?

Spend the summer serving New York's coastal communities with your law and policy knowledge in collaboration with New York Sea Grant! This fellowship will provide one student from each partner institution (City University of New York School of Law (CUNY); Pace University School of Law (Pace); and University at Buffalo School of Law (UB)) with an opportunity to collaborate with New York Sea Grant and interact with local communities. You must still be a student at the time of the fellowship to participate.

New York Sea Grant is looking for law students who are interested in applying their legal skills to real-world problems to benefit local communities and governments. Projects will address:

- A review of law and policies that address emerging contaminants in NY's waters, specifically micro- and nano-plastics.
- Implications of and suggestions for amendments to shoreline municipal code and policies in the Peconic Estuary watershed.

## Our program's summer fellows gain experience:

- interacting with communities/governments in need of the legal research and tools;
- researching existing legal regimes and administrative practices;
- assessing efficacy of the practices and making recommendations for improvement;
- drafting public facing documents to report research findings to present to affected communities and decision-makers;
- preparing community toolkits/guides to translate legal knowledge;
- building community capacity to understand policies and participate in decision-making; AND,
- working with and creating knowledge alongside expert lawyers and other professionals.

## Fellowship locations will be virtual or hybrid, as appropriate:

- Stony Brook University
- Cornell Cooperative Extension, Bronx, New York City

The full-time fellowships will run from **June 2 to August 8, 2025**.

Fellows will participate in weekly webinars with NYSG staff. A \$6,000 stipend will be provided, and limited travel funds MAY be available for fellows to present their work at a regional or national conference for nine months post-fellowship.

Successful applicants are excellent writers and problem-solvers who can work independently and meet deadlines. An interest in coastal law is encouraged but not necessary!

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, 2 to 3 page statement of interest in the project and work location, and transcript (need not be an official transcript) to Norma Gunn, administrator, at [nlg43@cornell.edu](mailto:nlg43@cornell.edu). For full consideration, application materials should be received by 5pm EST on Feb. 17, 2025. Successful applicants will be notified by early March 2025. Proof of health insurance will be required after acceptance.

**For more information** about New York Sea Grant and the New York Coastal Resilience Law and Policy Program, visit [nyseagrant.org](http://nyseagrant.org) or contact Kathy Bunting-Howarth, Associate Director, at [kathybh@cornell.edu](mailto:kathybh@cornell.edu).

