

This page provides guidance and information for Graduate students at New York institutions.

2023 Knauss Fellowship Timeline

February 18, 2022 by 5:00 p.m. local time: Applications due to the State Programs. Graduate students at New York institutions should submit through the New York Sea Grant (NYSG) program (see below).

March 2022: NYSG reviews application packages, and interview applicants.

April 01, 2022 by 11:59 p.m. EDT: NYSG can nominate UP TO 6 applications each to the national competition.

May 2022: National review panel and finalists selection.

June 2022: Applicants notified of application status.

October/January: Placement Week (dates subject to change).

October 2022: Placement Week - Executive placements (dates subject to change).

January 2023: Placement Week - Legislative placements (dates subject to change).

February 1, 2023: Fellowship begins. Fellowship award dates are: February 1, 2023-February 29, 2024.

Applicant Eligibility

Any student, regardless of citizenship, is eligible to submit to this opportunity if:

1. The student is enrolled towards a degree in a graduate program (Masters, PhD or JD) at any point between the onset of the Fall Term (quarter, trimester, semester, etc.) and the state application deadline (i.e. fall 2021 and February 2022);
2. The graduate degree will be awarded through an accredited institution of higher education in the United States or U.S. Territories, and;
3. The student has an interest in ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources and in the national policy decisions affecting those resources.

Application Package

The Application Package must consist of the following (Review the **2023 Knauss Fellowship Student Guide** and the **Student Applicant Guide to Sea Grant Fellowships** for application preparation tips):

1. Curriculum vitae
2. Personal Education and Career Development Response
 - a. Section One: Icebreaker
 - b. Section Two: Career Path and Objectives
 - c. Section Three: Career Path Experience
3. Relevant Coursework and Future Year Plans
4. Letters of Recommendation
5. Transcripts
6. (if applicable) Out of State Letter

Application Package Details

1. Curriculum vitae:
 - Do not exceed two pages
 - Do not include personal contact information or web links to external resources (e.g. LinkedIn, articles, blogs, etc.)
 - Refer to the “Demystifying the Curriculum Vitae” section in the Student Application Guide
2. Personal Education and Career Development Response
 - The entire personal education and career development section should not exceed 1,500 words total; suggested word counts will be included with each subsection below. Section headers will count as part of the overall word count.
 - Section One: Icebreaker – provide responses to the following:
 - a. Use one sentence to describe yourself (20 words).
 - b. List five adjectives that someone with a close personal connection (coworker, supervisor, etc.) would use to describe you (5 words MAX).
 - Section Two: Career Path and Objectives – This section can be completed as one continuous statement or as separate responses. The suggested word count is 700 words for this section. Provide responses to the following:
 - a. Discuss any experience(s) (researcher or otherwise) that support or relate to the mission of the National Sea Grant College Program or the state Sea Grant program (you do not have to have had a direct connection to Sea Grant). Emphasize (if relevant) any experience with extending and distilling science for non-scientific audiences (250 words).
 - b. Discuss your interest in the Knauss Fellowship with a specific focus on how the Knauss Fellowship supports your career pathway. Focus on how the Knauss Program would further support your development as a professional (250 words).
 - c. Discuss the transferable skills (skills that can be applied across a variety of disciplines) that you would bring to the Knauss Fellowship. In this

response, highlight experiences from your personal, professional and academic background (200 words).

- Section Three: Career Path Experience – The suggested word count is 700 words for this section. Provide responses to the following:
 - a. Sea Grant values the principles of equity, diversity, inclusion, justice and accessibility. Discuss (1) how you have collaborated or engaged with diverse community members and/or interested partners and/or (2) how you would be an ambassador for these principles throughout the Knauss program (300 words).
 - b. Discuss a situation in which you overcame a challenge (e.g. within a community or institution, personally, professionally, etc.) specifically as it relates to how you took a leadership role. Also consider including a reflection on what you learned from this experience (400 words).
- 3. Relevant Coursework and Future Year Plans:
 - NOT to exceed ONE page single spaced
 - Discuss any relevant coursework and your future year activities.
 - a. Relevant Coursework: Discuss any completed or in progress classes that are relevant to your success in the Knauss Fellowship Program.
 - b. Future year activities: Include a listing of classes and/or plans for spring 2022, summer 2022, and fall 2022.
- 4. Letters of Recommendation:
 - Two letters of recommendation from individuals who have worked with you, including at least one from a faculty member with knowledge of your academic and research (when applicable) performance.
 - Letters should not exceed two pages single spaced.
 - Refer to the “Recommendations for Your Letters of Recommendation” in the Student Application Guide.
- 5. Transcripts:
 - Provide clear digital or scanned copies of all undergraduate and graduate student transcripts (unofficial are acceptable).