Maryland Sea Grant is pleased to announce the availability of coastal resilience and sustainability research fellowships for 2015 – 2016. Fellows should be engaged in coastal resilience research that is relevant to Maryland and the MDSG Strategic Plan 2014 -2017. In addition to supporting the student’s academic expenses, the fellowship will provide additional professional development opportunities in science communication, the science-to-management process and other relevant Sea Grant activities. MDSG is accepting applications until March 30, 2015.

### Eligibility

Students must be enrolled in or admitted to a full-time graduate or professional degree program at a Maryland or District of Columbia academic institution at a graduate level. Students who have not yet enrolled should submit a letter of acceptance from the dean of the graduate program through which they are enrolled at their college or university with their application package. Students may be working toward any masters or Ph.D. degree, as long as their coastal resilience or sustainability research is relevant to the mission and strategic plan of MDSG and has an emphasis on Chesapeake or coastal bays and their watersheds. The research must demonstrate relevance to coastal resilience and sustainability.

### Fellowship Details

Graduate student fellows who are selected will be required to:

- Select and work with a mentor who is an extension, education, or communication staff person or an end-user of research results
- Provide annual and final progress reports to MDSG
- Participate in MDSG-sponsored professional development activities
- Contribute to the MDSG student blog, Fellowship Experiences
- Attend a national meeting
- Acknowledge the support of MDSG in all relevant scientific presentations and publications.

### How to Apply

Full application guidelines and submission requirements can be found in the official fellowship announcement. All applications must adhere to the official guidelines, which include:

- Cover Sheet
- Project Summary Form (90-2 Form), including abstract and data sharing plan
- Budget Form 90-4 and Budget Justification
- Career Goal Statement
- Project Description
- Literature Cited
- Timeline and Tasks
- Academic CV/Biosketch
- Undergraduate and Graduate Transcripts
- Two Letters of Recommendation (faculty advisor, outreach or end-user mentor)
- Proof of Acceptance and Enrollment in Graduate Programs

Applications must be submitted online by Monday, March 30, 2015 at 5:00 pm.

### Funding

The fellowship provides a total award of up to $45,000 in Sea Grant funds budgeted over 12 – 24 months. Non-federal matching funds equal to at least 50 percent are also required ($2 Sea Grant: $1 match). The anticipated start date is August 31, 2015.