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Support Ohio Sea Grant and Stone Laboratory with a donation to any Ohio Sea Grant or Stone Laboratory fund. With your gift, you become a Friend of Stone Laboratory (FOSL): a dedicated, generous community of friends who provide resources essential for our research, education, and outreach missions.

Together, we are committed to fostering culturally and intellectually diverse experiences which value people and local knowledge to reach new audiences, increase participation, and broaden our impact so all members of our community reach their full potential. All donations made to Ohio Sea Grant and Stone Laboratory are tax-deductible and directly support programs and student success.

The four funds highlighted below provide opportunities for you to grow the science we do, the teaching that drives us, and the community engagement that we prioritize.

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Friends

Since its inception in 1982, Friends of Stone Laboratory has aided in the creation of several philanthropic funds and endowments, purchased equipment such as microscopes, computers, and sampling equipment, and supported the student experience through scholarships, fellowships, and research experiences.

The FOSL community provides opportunities to stay connected with Stone Laboratory and invest in its future. FOSL has come to encompass a diverse group of people, including those who previously attended Stone Laboratory as well as individuals who have an interest in Lake Erie science education, the health of lake, and the economic potential of the region.

No matter their reason for giving, members are dedicated to the future of Stone Laboratory.

Events sponsored by FOSL support the mission of the group by raising money, promoting programs, supporting scholarships, and improving facilities.

FOSL Annual Events

Winter Program: This social event is scheduled each February in Columbus. It features speakers presenting information related to Lake Erie and Ohio Sea Grant and Stone Laboratory.

Spring Work Weekend: Each April, FOSL volunteers spend a weekend cleaning Stone Laboratory’s facilities and preparing the laboratory for returning students.

Open House: Held in September the first Saturday after Labor Day, this public event features tours of Gibraltar Island and the South Bass Island Lighthouse.

Annual Meeting: Held in September, at the time of the Open House, members hold an annual meeting and vote in new board members.

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Research

Ohio Sea Grant and Stone Laboratory’s research portfolio focuses on critical issues facing the entire state of Ohio, with emphasis on Lake Erie and its watershed. The program identifies and prioritizes research topics with input from state and federal agencies, chief scientists, the private sector, and community needs.

Our goal is to improve the environment while growing the state’s economy. Further, our research activities strive to engage students, ensuring that we are training the next generation of Lake Erie scientists.

Our current research priorities include (1) the impact of climate change, aquatic invasive species, microplastics, harmful algal blooms, and emerging and historical contaminants on aquatic ecosystems; (2) sustainable fisheries and aquaculture; (3) watershed nutrient dynamics to address harmful algal blooms; (4) beneficial use of harbor dredge material; (5) resilient coastal communities, economies, and tourism; and (6) physical, chemical and biological processes that occur in Lake Erie. This research is supported by grants awarded to Ohio Sea Grant by substantial state and federal investments and by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) National Sea Grant College Program.

Clearly, Ohio Sea Grant and Stone Laboratory has been recognized as a strong research, outreach, and education entity in the state. For example, Ohio Sea Grant co-manages the Ohio Department of Higher Education’s (ODHE) Harmful Algal Bloom Research Initiative (HABRI; go.osu.edu/HABRI) which is funding numerous research efforts to better position the state to prevent and manage excess algal growth impacting many aquatic ecosystems.

In addition, Ohio Sea Grant and Stone Laboratory co-leads the Lake Erie and Aquatic Research Network (LEARN). LEARN, with support from the Governor DeWine’s H2Ohio comprehensive water quality initiative and Ohio Water Development Authority, has developed a wetland monitoring program, in partnership with Ohio Department of Natural Resources, to track the capabilities of wetlands being constructed across the state to lower nutrient runoff that drives harmful algal blooms (HABs) (lakeerieandaquaticresearch.org). This is a collaborative effort between The Ohio State University, Kent State University, The University of Toledo, Heidelberg University, Bowling Green State University, and Wright State University.

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Shop on the Rock

Purchases from Stone Lab’s Shop on the Rock support student scholarships, lab equipment, facilities improvements, research efforts, and numerous educational, professional, and visitor programs.

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Education

For more than 100 years, Stone Laboratory has been an invaluable asset in freshwater biology and science education. A freshwater field station since 1895 and part of The Ohio State University since 1925, Stone Lab programs have introduced thousands, from elementary students to adults, to the basics of field-based biological science.

At Stone Laboratory, students get the chance to be a scientist for a day, participating in fish sampling, identification and dissection, plankton identification, water quality monitoring, and much more.

Ohio Sea Grant and Stone Laboratory is also known for the development of curriculum materials for grades 5-12, training of science educators, and research contributions to the education profession. The island campus also hosts conferences and educational programs for a variety of groups and offers about 25 science courses a year and multiple eight-week fellowships. These offerings allow students to get out of the classroom and earn college credit with field-based introductory and advanced courses. For many students, this is a transformative experience—one that will likely focus and shape their future career choice.

Outreach

Ohio Sea Grant and Stone Laboratory’s outreach experts, located along Lake Erie’s coast, disseminate the findings of our teams’ research efforts and the research funds we manage to Ohio and Great Lakes communities that benefit from this science.

Our educators connect the scientific community and university scientists with local communities that want to be engaged, consulted, and informed. Our team engages with both private industry and the public to identify needs and information gaps so that researchers can develop useful solutions. Through advisory committees, public programs, and presentations, our informal educators are in daily contact with Ohioans and are Ohio Sea Grant and Stone Laboratory’s greatest assets in its mission of outreach. They live and work in the communities they serve, bridging the gap between university research and the needs of their clientele.

Outreach Programs

Focus On:

- sustainable Lake Erie fisheries including the charter boat industry, sport fishing, and aquatic invasive species prevention;
- development and implementation of programs on community and economic development;
- Ohio Clean Marinas, Clean Boater, and Shrink Wrap Recycling programs;
- collaborative watershed management, coastal storm resiliency, and community-based response to ecological change;
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