



2018-2019 International Joint Commission-Ohio Sea Grant Fellowship

Ohio Sea Grant (OHSG) and the International Joint Commission (IJC) are teaming up to create the IJC-OHSG Fellowship. One fellow will be placed at the IJC Great Lakes Regional Office located in Windsor, Ontario for one year, focusing on international water policy and management issues.

The International Joint Commission-Ohio Sea Grant Fellowship will begin June 1, 2018 and will end May 31, 2019. These dates can be adjusted based on students' academic program needs. Students, regardless of citizenship, enrolled in a graduate degree or professional program in an accredited U.S. institution on Feb. 10, 2018, or who are within three years of their original graduation date, are eligible for the fellowship. Applicants must demonstrate interest in ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resources and the international policy decisions that affect those resources.

A. Application and Submission Information

Required Elements

Failure to follow these requirements will result in applications being rejected without review.

Applications must include:

- Two signed letters of recommendation, including one from the student's major professor; if no major professor exists, a faculty person academically knowing the applicant best may be substituted.
- A personal education and career goal statement emphasizing the applicant's abilities and what the applicant expects to gain from the fellowship experience in the way of career development (1,000 words or less).
- Personal and academic curriculum vitae (not to exceed two pages).
- Clear, scanned copy of all official undergraduate and graduate student transcripts.
- Listing of classes and/or plans for spring 2018, summer 2018 and fall 2018 (not to exceed one page).

B. Submission Dates and Times

Applicants must submit materials by 5 p.m. EST February 23, 2018 to fussell.10@osu.edu. Applications received after the deadline will be rejected without further consideration.

C. Funding

The fellowship will provide \$47,500 in stipend, with additional funds for travel and benefits. Ohio Sea Grant receives and administers the overall cooperative agreement on behalf of each fellow selected by the IJC. During the fellowship, the International Joint Commission may provide supplemental funds for work-related travel by the Fellow. The Fellow's supervisor will be Dr. Jennifer Boehme, Physical Scientist. Indirect costs are not allowable from the IJC funds either for the fellowships or for any costs associated with the fellowship.

D. Application Review Information

Evaluation Criteria – The evaluation criteria and weighting of the criteria are as follows:

- Recommendations and/or endorsements of student (15% total):
 - Content of the letter from the applicant's major professor, and the second letter of recommendation.
- Academic record and statement of career goals and objectives of students (45% total):
 - Quality of the applicant's personal education and career goal statement (30%)
 - Strength of academic performance (15%).
- Additional relevant experience (40% total) in marine or aquatic-related fields and GIS skills, as well as:
 - Diversity of education
 - Extra-curricular activities
 - Honors and awards
 - Interpersonal, written and oral communications skills.

NOTE: At the IJC review, evaluation criteria are identical, except that the letter of endorsement from the Ohio Sea Grant program director will also be considered.

E. Review and Selection Process

An Ohio Sea Grant panel will interview and individually discuss each application based on the evaluation criteria listed in the previous section. Following this discussion, an individual score will be provided by each panel member. Once all applications have been discussed and scored, an average score will be computed for each application. The top scoring applicants will then be submitted to the International Joint Commission with a signed letter of endorsement from the Ohio Sea Grant Director. Ohio Sea Grant may select and forward to the International Joint Commission no more than three applications based on the evaluation criteria.

F. Anticipated Announcement and Award Dates

The International Joint Commission competitive selection process and subsequent notification to Ohio Sea Grant will be completed by April 20, 2018. Awards are anticipated to start on June 1, 2018 and run for one year (12 months) and cannot be renewed or deferred. Pre-award spending will be approved 150 days prior to the start date of the award.

G. Award Notification

The International Joint Commission will notify Ohio Sea Grant of its selection via email. The email will contain a written summary of the review panel comments. Ohio Sea Grant will, in turn, formally notify each successful and unsuccessful applicant and forward the summary comments provided by the International Joint Commission. The applications that are not ultimately selected for funding will be destroyed one year after the submission date.

H. Reporting

Annual performance report (summary of accomplishments and activities) is to be submitted to the research scientist and secretariat at the International Joint Commission, and the Ohio Sea Grant Director.

I. Fellowship Contacts

Email Assistant Director of Administration & Research Dr. Kristen Fussell at fussell.10@osu.edu.

About the International Joint Commission

In 1909, Canada and the United States signed the Boundary Waters Treaty, which created the IJC, because national leaders recognized that each country is affected by the other's actions in lake and river systems along the border. With three commissioners from each country, the IJC finds science-based, independent solutions to transboundary conflicts, balancing competing interests in pursuit of the common good. Please visit our website for more information at ijc.org.

About Ohio Sea Grant

Ohio State University's Ohio Sea Grant College Program is part of NOAA Sea Grant, a network of 33 Sea Grant programs dedicated to the protection and sustainable use of marine and Great Lakes resources. For more information, visit ohioseagrant.osu.edu.