

**NC Coastal Reserve – NC Sea Grant
2013 Coastal Research Fellowship Program**

Purpose: The North Carolina Coastal Reserve (NCCR) and North Carolina Sea Grant (NCSG) are accepting applications for a fellowship opportunity for North Carolina-based graduate students. This fellowship is designed to foster research within the boundaries of the 10 components that make up the North Carolina Coastal Reserve and address a coastal management issue in the following focus areas: **climate change impacts to coastal areas, estuarine ecology and eutrophication, invasive species, and impacts of changing watershed land use**. The NCCR is a program of the N.C. Division of Coastal Management in the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Fellowship Amount: \$5,000.

Duration: One Semester – Spring, Summer or Fall 2013. A final report on all activity conducted during this fellowship must be submitted within 60 days of the end of the fellowship.

Eligibility: Only graduate students in good academic standing, attending an accredited North Carolina university or college are eligible to apply. Proposed work must be conducted within the boundaries of one of the 10 properties that make up NCCR (Currituck Banks, Kitty Hawk Woods, Buxton Woods, Emily and Richardson Preyer Buckridge, Rachel Carson, Permuda Island, Masonboro Island, Bald Head Woods, Zeke's Island and Bird Island).

Application: To apply, candidates must send a three-page (maximum) proposal, a current CV, and letter of support from a major professor. The proposal should be in 12-point, Times New Roman font, with 1-inch margins. Proposals must contain the following sections: **Title** (including student and major professor contact information); **Description** of the project including rationale and relevance of the project to the coastal management issue; **Methods**; clearly defined **Tasks** and a **Timeline** to complete the tasks; declaration of **Other Sponsored Support to be Received** for the overall project; and a detailed **Budget**. Funds may be used for any purpose related to the project, including stipends. University overhead charges are not permitted.

Deadline: Application materials must be received by 4 p.m. on Oct. 12, 2012. Applications should be sent via e-mail as an M.S. Word attachment to Dr. John Fear (john.fear@ncdenr.gov). Incomplete and late applications will not be accepted.

Review Process: The review panel will be co-chaired by Dr. John Fear of NCCR and Dr. Steve Rebach of NCSG. Additional participants may include other NCCR, NCSG and N.C. Division of Coastal Management staff. Proposals will be ranked based on their relevance to the identified focus areas (see list above), quality of the proposed science, and adherence to the instructions provided in this call for proposals.

Award Funding: The successful applicant will be notified by Nov. 5, 2012. Funds will be channeled through the fellow's major professor, who must agree to serve as principal investigator on the project.

Final Report: At the completion of his/her term, the fellow will submit a final report to Dr. John Fear, NCCR, and Dr. Steve Rebach, NCSG. The fellow also will agree to work with the NCSG communication team to translate the findings into an article for *Coastwatch* magazine and/or other products. The fellow's major professor must agree to submit progress reports, as requested, to NCSG via its Internet-based reporting system.

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