

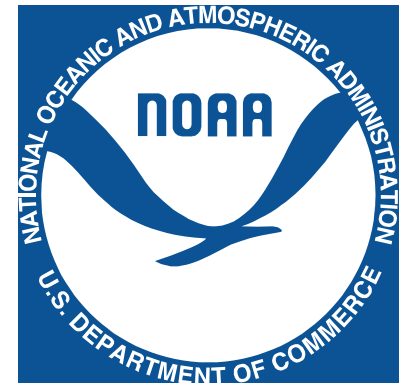
# Graduate Research Fellowship

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National Estuarine  
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RESERVE  
SYSTEM



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## BRP RECOMMENDATION

Establish a mechanism to facilitate masters and doctoral level research at the reserves

## CHARGE TODAY:

What elements of a research fellowship in the reserves would entice you to apply?

# Value of a Fellowship Program

Provides talented graduate students an opportunity to pursue their interests in coastal and estuarine sciences

Develop the next generation of coastal scientists and policy makers

Fellowship projects support coastal resource management through better understanding of coastal issues.

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## ASSUMPTIONS

- The fellowship program would be funded with new resources.
- A priority would be placed on developing a highly competitive graduate fellowship program.
- The research fellowship program would be uniform across the reserve system.
- All reserves would benefit equally from the fellowship program

# Program Elements being Considered

- Number of fellowships - 1 or 2 per reserve
- Competitive stipend and/or research support
- Duration - up to 3 years
- Natural and social science fellowships supported
- Research projects must have local and national relevance
- On-site work at a reserve
- Mentoring, professional development and reserve exchange opportunities provided
- Fellowship alumni network

What are the important facets of a fellowship program that would be of value to you?



How could your organization partner with a reserve fellowship program?



What mentoring and career support would you like to see designed into the fellowship program?

