

Funding resources for PhD students

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Salary

- **NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program**
 - NSF GROW (\$5,000 for international travel and collaboration)
 - USAID/NSF opportunities
 - GRIP opportunities (to do internship at a federal agency)
- **Nancy Foster (NOAA):** <http://fosterscholars.noaa.gov/>
- **NOAA fellowships in Population Dynamics and/or Marine Economics:**
http://seagrant.noaa.gov/Portals/0/Documents/funding_fellowship/nmfs_sg_fellowship/nmfs_sg_flyer.pdf
- **NDSEG:** <https://ndseg.asee.org/>
- **Ford Foundation diversity fellowship:**
<http://sites.nationalacademies.org/pga/fordfellowships/index.htm>
- **NOAA National Estuarine Research Reserve System Graduate Fellowship**
(\$20,000/yr - up to 3 years) : coastal zone management
<http://www.nerrs.noaa.gov/Fellowship.aspx>
- **Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Graduate Scholarship Programs** for minorities in STEM:
<http://sloanphds.org/?pageid=30>
- **Hertz Foundation** (for more quantitative pursuits):
<http://www.hertzfoundation.org/dx/fellowships/fellowshipaward.aspx>

Salary + Travel

- **Chateaubriand STEM fellowship** (through the French Embassy) to go to France for 4 to 12 months: <http://stem.chateaubriand-fellowship.org/>
- **Fulbright STEM:**
<http://www.cies.org/fulbright-scholar-program-science-technology-and-innovation>

Policy experience during graduate school

- **ESA grad student policy experience:** http://www.esa.org/esa/?page_id=2908
- **Christine Mirzayan Science & Technology Policy Fellow** from National Academies:
<http://sites.nationalacademies.org/pga/policyfellows/>

Policy fellowships after graduate school

- **Knauss marine policy fellowship (NOAA/Seagrant):**
<http://seagrant.noaa.gov/FundingFellowships/KnaussFellowship.aspx>
- **AAAS policy fellowship:**
<http://www.aaas.org/program/science-technology-policy-fellowships>
- **Marc Hersgman Marine Policy Fellowship (WA Seagrant):**
<http://wsg.washington.edu/education/fellowships/hershman.html>

Research funding

- **PADI foundation ~\$1,000** (supporting underwater science, environmental projects, marine ecology, and education/outreach.)
<http://www.padifoundation.org/Hyperlinks/Application.htm> :
<http://www.commongrantapplication.com/grantmakers/7688/PADI-Foundation.html#gmkProgGrants>
- Research and Learning Grant, **Southern California Research and Learning Center** (~\$6,000)
- Sea-Bird Electronics Student **Equipment Loan Program Award** (oceanographic equipment)
- **George Melendez Wright Climate Change Fellowship** (\$20,000) from NPS:
- The **American Academy of Underwater Sciences** awards two research scholarships (\$3,000) to graduate students engaged in, or planning to begin, a research project in which diving is or will be used as a principal research tool or study scientific diving:
<http://www.aausfoundation.org/#!/scholarships>
- **American Academy of Underwater Sciences** - Kevin Flanagan Student Travel Award provides up to \$800 to undergraduate and/or graduate students interested in diving science to attend AAUS scientific meetings.
<http://www.aausfoundation.org/#!/scholarships>
- **AMNH Lerner-Gray Fund for Marine Research** (\$500-2000)
<https://myrggs.amnh.org/documents/admissions/lgint13-14.pdf>
- **Mia Tenger awards in marine conservation and historical marine ecology:**
<http://www.marine-conservation.org/what-we-do/program-areas/oceans-past/tegrer-grants/>
- **Sigma Xi**
- **MASNA aquarium scholarship:**
<http://masna.org/masna-programs/scholarship-program/>
- **National Geographic Explorer's grants:**
<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/explorers/grants-programs/>
- **Women Diver's Hall of Fame scholarships** (Marine conservation and diving training):
<http://www.wdhof.org/scholarships/scholarships.shtml>
- **Society for Coral Reef Studies Graduate fellowship in Reef ecosystems:**
<http://coralreefs.org/membership/awards-fellowships/>
- **Lewis and Clark fellowship (\$5,000)** for field studies, such as archeology, anthropology, biology, ecology, geography, geology, linguistics, paleontology, and population genetics, but grants will not be restricted to these fields.
<http://www.amphilsoc.org/grants/lewisandclark>
- **California Native Plant Society Awards** (for people studying native CA vegetation - many Grants: <http://www.cnps.org/cnps/education/grants.php>)
- **Coastal Fund**

For INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

From Mexico:

- CONACYT, <http://www.conacyt.mx> --- tuition, fees, part of the stipend (\$1100 monthly) and part of health insurance for masters
- UC-Mexus, <http://ucmexus.ucr.edu> --- five years of tuition, fees, part of the stipend (\$1100 monthly) and part of health insurance. They can also fund your PhD research.

Opportunities to get experience in government agencies:

Presidential Management Fellowship (PMF) program: This fellowship presents a unique opportunity to get one's foot in the door with a variety of agencies.