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Announcing the Class of 2016
Dean John A. Knauss
Marine Policy Fellowship

Rhode Island Sea Grant College Program

We invite qualified individuals to submit applications to the Rhode Island Sea Grant College Program for the Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship. Approximately thirty individuals are selected nationally for this prestigious Fellowship to spend a year in Washington, DC, working in Congress or the Executive Branch on critical marine policy and resource management issues. The Sea Grant Knauss Fellowship provides a stipend and living expense allowance totaling \$56,500. The one-year Fellowship begins February 1, 2016.

Each year, Rhode Island Sea Grant nominates up to six students to the National Sea Grant College Program for Knauss Fellowships. Nominees must be enrolled in a U.S. accredited graduate or professional degree program in a marine or aquatic-related field in the U.S. or its territories as of February 13, 2015.

Applications are due at RI Sea Grant by 5:00 PM on Friday, February 13, 2015

Selected applicants will be interviewed by the Rhode Island Sea Grant Director during the weeks of **February 23rd and/or March 2nd, 2015**, with all applicant materials due to the National Sea Grant office by March 31, 2015.

Selection criteria for the fellowship include: *academic excellence, communication skills, diversity and appropriateness of academic background, additional qualifying experience, support of the student's major professor and the Sea Grant director, evidence of the ability to work well with others, and the balance among applicants by discipline and geographic representation.*

For the Fellowship Class of 2016, the selection process and subsequent notification of finalists by the National Sea Grant College Program will be completed by **June 5th, 2015**. Finalists will be required to participate in "Placement Week," an orientation program in Washington, DC typically held during late November or early December (Sun-Thurs) in 2015.

If you are interested in applying or have additional questions, please contact Alan Desbonnet, Assistant Director, Rhode Island Sea Grant, by phone: 401-874-6813 or email: aland@mail.uri.edu. Further information can be found at:

seagrant.noaa.gov/FundingFellowships/KnaussFellowship/ProspectiveFellows.aspx