

Graduate Research Fellowships



Request for proposals

The Prince William Sound Oil Spill Recovery Institute (OSRI) in Cordova, Alaska annually awards graduate fellowships. In 2012, we are soliciting one new proposal for a graduate research fellowship. New fellowships will be made available on a competitive basis to students admitted to or enrolled in a full-time masters or doctoral program at accredited colleges and universities. Fellowships may be funded for up to two years for masters or three years for doctoral level research. Students completing this time period may reapply for additional funding, but their proposal will be evaluated as a new proposal. The current award amount is \$25,000 per year that may be used for tuition and research related expenses. There is a 25% match requirement. For detailed information about OSRI see www.pws-osri.org.

For a complete explanation of the OSRI graduate student fellowship program and application procedures see: http://www.pws-osri.org/programs/grf/GRF_Programs.pdf. **The deadline for submitting applications is February 24, 2012.** Funding will begin on July 1, 2012

Program objectives

The OSRI funds projects that will 1) enhance scientific understanding of the marine ecosystem, 2) provide information needed by managers and decision-makers for oil spill response and recovery, and 3) promote socio-economic awareness and understanding of marine and estuarine ecosystems. The OSRI Graduate Research Fellowship (GRF) Program offers qualified master's and doctoral students the opportunity to address scientific and socioeconomic issues of significance to arctic and sub-arctic (high latitude cold climate) regions.

Research focus areas

Fellowships may be awarded in any field that address OSRI's mission. We are particularly interested in applications that examine the following areas of emphasis: spill detection and tracking, improving spill response in sea ice, hydrological modeling of Southcentral Alaska, and determining the fate of carcasses of birds and mammals that die at sea. Applicants should examine the OSRI five-year research plan at http://www.pws-osri.org/business/science_plan.pdf to learn more about OSRI's expected research emphasis.

Applicants are encouraged to review the OSRI Science Plan at the website, www.pwss-osri.org, or contact: Dr. Scott Pegau, OSRI Research Program Manager (wspgou@pwssc.org) or Katrina Hoffman, Executive Director (khoffman@pwssc.org), Oil Spill Recovery Institute, P.O. Box 705, Cordova, AK 99574, 907-424-5800.