

Graduate Research Fellowships



Request for proposals

The Oil Spill Recovery Institute (OSRI) in Cordova, Alaska annually awards graduate fellowships. In 2017, we are soliciting proposals for one new graduate research fellowship. New fellowships are 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 four years for doctoral level research. Previously funded students whose fellowships are expiring may reapply for additional funding, but their proposal will be evaluated as a new proposal. Proposals for up to \$30,000 per year will be accepted. The funding may be used for stipend, tuition, and other research-related expenses. A 25% match contribution is required. 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.

Program objectives

OSRI funds projects that will 1) enhance scientific understanding of Arctic and sub-Arctic marine and estuarine ecosystems, and 2) provide information needed by managers and decision-makers for oil spill response and recovery. The OSRI Graduate Research Fellowship (GRF) Program offers qualified masters and doctoral students the opportunity to address scientific and socioeconomic issues of significance to oil spills in 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: toxicology, spill detection and tracking, improving spill response in sea ice, modeling of oil trajectories in ice, and degradation of oil. Applicants should examine the OSRI five-year research plan at <http://www.pws-osri.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/OSRI-Research-Plan-2016-2020.pdf> to learn more about OSRI's research emphases.

All proposals must link the fellowship activities to OSRI's mission and goals. A description of OSRI and our mission and goals is at <http://www.pws-osri.org/>. Grant application materials can be found at <http://www.pws-osri.org/grants/grant-applications/> with appendices D and F of most importance. OSRI has a single application form for all size grants, but does not expect that all areas within the application form will be relevant to every request for proposals. **The deadline for submitting applications is February 3, 2017.** Funding is anticipated to begin no later than July 1, 2017. Applicants are encouraged to contact Dr. Scott Pegau, OSRI Research Program Manager (wspgou@pwssc.org), with any questions regarding this opportunity.