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PENNSYLVANIA SEA GRANT HIRING SCIENCE COMMUNICATIONS FELLOW

(HARRISBURG, PA) -- Pennsylvania Sea Grant is excited to offer a one-year science communications fellowship. The ideal candidate will be a highly motivated and creative individual seeking an early career opportunity. Candidate must have recently earned a Baccalaureate degree in communications, science communications, or related area. Pennsylvania Sea Grant is also hiring a climate resiliency outreach fellow. Information about both positions is available online at <http://seagrants.psu.edu>.

Pennsylvania Sea Grant, a partnership of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Penn State University, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is dedicated to promoting the ecological and economic sustainability of Pennsylvania's coastal resources through the development of science-based research, education, and extension programs. Pennsylvania Sea Grant is part of a national network of 34 Sea Grant College Programs.

The purpose of this fellowship is to contribute to a diverse ocean and Great Lakes workforce that understands technical and social challenges facing coastal communities and the natural environment and prepare students for careers in marine, Great Lakes, and watershed science, policy, management, and outreach.

Due to state and federal COVID-19 restrictions and protocols, candidate must be able to work remotely and independently. However, presence at Pennsylvania Sea Grant office will be necessary. Candidates must be authorized to work in the United States without sponsorship.

The staff of Pennsylvania Sea Grant value diversity, equity, and inclusion in both our organization and the communities we serve. We strive to make access to research, outreach, education, and employment opportunities available to everyone, regardless of race, color, religion, place of origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, socio-economic status, disability, or veteran status.

About the position

Pennsylvania Sea Grant seeks a science communications fellow who is passionate about science and eager to utilize communications skills to 'make sense of science' for key audiences by assisting in the creation of content for print materials, creative content for online and social media, video production and photography, updating WordPress website content, and other communications duties as assigned.

The communications fellow will work with the Pennsylvania communications lead to develop written and visual communications that highlight Pennsylvania Sea Grant research, extension, and education programs. Activities may include drafting content for press releases, fact sheets, online and social media content, assisting in the production of short videos and audio stories, conducting interviews, field photography and videography, and other communications duties as assigned.

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Candidates must be motivated self-starters, comfortable with taking initiative and a level of working remotely. Must possess strong interpersonal, written, and electronic communications skills.

Occasional weekend and evening hours are anticipated. This position may require local travel, and overnight travel for statewide meetings and conferences. Occasional travel throughout the U.S. for regional and national meetings and conferences may also be expected. Other related duties as assigned or requested, and the program reserves the right to add or change duties at any time.

Qualifications:

1. One-year related experience - can be throughout a college career, including paid or volunteer summer or part time work, internships, extracurricular activities, etc. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions about this.
2. Bachelor's degree in communications, science communications, marketing, or other communications-focused course. Communications coursework and/or experience focused on social media and website content development, storytelling, reporting, interviewing, writing, photography, and video production is preferred.
3. Strong writing and organizational skills. The ability to work independently, communicate effectively to individuals and larger groups and to accurately synthesize and deliver information is preferred. (Virtual) communication and engagement with various Pennsylvania stakeholders is expected.

To Apply:

Start date: As soon as possible, but flexible into June 2022 pending graduation dates. Pennsylvania Sea Grant is administered by the Pennsylvania State University, as such Sea Grant employees are considered staff of the University and are subject to university guidelines and requirements.

Submit a cover letter and two-page resume to apply. Please include information in your cover letter about the skills and experiences you bring to the position, why you are interested in marine/Great Lakes/watershed science communications, and how you think this fellowship would help you professionally. Supporting materials must be uploaded at time of application.

[Full position details and application information are available online.](#)

Contact Kelly Donaldson, Communications Lead (kellydonaldson@psu.edu) with questions about the position. This position will require successful completion of standard background checks.

The Pennsylvania State University is committed to and accountable for advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in all of its forms. We embrace individual uniqueness, foster a culture of inclusive excellence that supports both broad and specific diversity initiatives, leverage the educational and institutional benefits of diversity, and engage all individuals to help them thrive. We value inclusive excellence as a core strength and an essential element of our public service mission.

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