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PENNSYLVANIA SEA GRANT HIRING CLIMATE RESILIENCY OUTREACH FELLOW

(ERIE, PA) -- Pennsylvania Sea Grant is excited to offer a full time, one-year climate resiliency 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 natural resources, aquatic sciences, geology, planning, conservation management, marine and coastal resources, or related area. Pennsylvania Sea Grant is also hiring a science communications fellow. Details 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 when appropriate. 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.

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About the position

Pennsylvania Sea Grant seeks a one-year climate resiliency fellow to assist with implementing climate and community resilience programs in the Erie, Pennsylvania region. Coastal communities are becoming increasingly vulnerable to both the short and long-term impacts of extreme weather and climate variability. The region has been facing weather events such as coastal flooding, high wind, tornados, blizzards, and severe storms. Overcoming these events and rising above the aftermath has become a the new normal for residents, business owners, and community leaders.

To assist the Erie community, Pennsylvania Sea Grant has been a leader in facilitating the Community Resilience Action Network of Erie (CRANE), which is an alliance of agencies and organizations in the regional that are dedicated to projects and programs that build resilience and help connect Erie residents with resources to plan and prepare for disasters in an organized and pre-emptive manner. Pennsylvania Sea Grant is seeking a driven, energetic, and dynamic individual to assist with implementing climate and community resilience programs in the Erie area, including participation in CRANE, assisting with climate education and outreach, engaging stakeholders and community members, and connecting with community partners.

This position will work closely with universities, government agencies, and non-governmental organizations to develop educational and community engagement opportunities and help promote projects and programs using social media and web-based platforms. This fellowship opportunity will work independently, with Pennsylvania Sea Grant staff, CRANE partners, and in cooperation with other Sea Grant programs, partner agencies, and organizations to accomplish the goals and outcomes relevant to the Resilient Communities and Economies focus areas within the Pennsylvania Sea Grant strategic plan and National Sea Grant visioning plans, including:

- Develop educational and outreach materials relevant to climate resilience and adaptation that connect to Pennsylvania Sea Grant and CRANE's missions.
- Work with Sea Grant and CRANE partners to implement a community-driven strategy that connects and engages with local stakeholders, identifies, and prioritizes needs, and implements actions that improve community resilience.
- Support and help facilitate regular CRANE monthly meetings.
- Assist with promotion of the CRANE program through website updates and social media engagement.
- Collaborate with Pennsylvania Sea Grant staff and other Sea Grant programs to advance connections and promote public opportunities and events.
- Assist with existing grant funded projects and help identify opportunities for additional funding support.
- Regular communication with Pennsylvania Sea Grant staff, relevant stakeholders, state agencies, non-governmental organizations, and others.

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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. This can be throughout a college career, including paid or volunteer summer or part time work, internships, extracurricular activities, etc.
2. Bachelor’s degree in natural resources, aquatic sciences, geology, planning, conservation management, marine and coastal resources, or related area.
3. Strong writing, data reporting, 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 and in-person communication and engagement with various Pennsylvania stakeholders is expected. Interest and/or experience in climate resilience and community engagement is preferred.

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 climate resiliency, and how you think this fellowship would help you professionally. Supporting materials must be uploaded at time of application.

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

Contact Sara Stahlman, Extension Leader, (sstahlman@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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