



Rhode Island Sea Grant
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PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

Rhode Island Sea Grant has a limited amount of program development funding to support research, education or outreach projects. The most compelling Program Development proposals are those that address new, innovative ideas that are relevant to our program's strategic interest areas, that connect Rhode Island Sea Grant to the larger academic and coastal communities we serve, or that tackle unique, unexpected situations or phenomena where there is an urgent need to take quick action to capture an important, unexpected opportunity. Proposals related to the correction of adverse circumstances related to personnel or facilities are not usually considered. The total available funding varies from year to year. Individual awards range from a few hundred dollars, to a maximum of \$10,000. The duration of Program Development-funded projects is typically one year or less.

Program Development funding supports research projects in the National Sea Grant thematic priority areas of Healthy Coastal Ecosystems, Sustainable Coastal Development, Safe and Sustainable Seafood, and Hazard Resiliency in Coastal Communities. Projects in areas not mentioned in the current strategic plan will also be considered, provided they contribute to innovation and the improved understanding, utilization, sustainability, or management of coastal and marine resources.

Program Development funds are not used for salaries of principal investigators, permanent equipment, fringe benefits, or institutional overheads. Requests for funding to attend meetings or publish results will be considered, but are generally of a lower priority.

Program Development funding is contingent upon the availability of funds from the NOAA Rhode Island Sea Grant Omnibus award, whose budget year begins 01 February. Program Development requests are reviewed as received, with requests being entertained after 01 February each calendar year. Available funding decreases over time throughout the year, thus, it can be anticipated that available funds will decrease throughout the budget year.

It is required that you contact either the Rhode Island Sea Grant Director or Assistant Director prior to developing your Program Development request to discuss your idea to be sure it fits within the purview of Rhode Island Sea Grant, and that the anticipated funds are available.

All requests for Program Development funding must be made using the Rhode Island Sea Grant online proposal development system [<http://seagrantadm.gso.uri.edu/worksheets/index.shtml>]. You will need

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to contact Alan Desbonnet [aland@gso.uri.edu] to establish an account, or to have an existing account configured to allow submittal of a Program Development request.

A two- to three-page proposal is required that clearly articulates what the proposed work hopes to accomplish [objectives]; how the proposed work will be accomplished [methodology]; and how and why the outcomes of the proposed work will enhance and improve our understanding of a particular issue and/or assist Rhode Island Sea Grant in achieving its mission. A budget [standard 90-4] must be completed online, including a detailed budget justification.

All funded Program Development projects are required to submit a completion report according to a schedule developed by RISG, but generally within 90 days of project completion, using reporting forms provided by RISG, for inclusion in the Annual Report on overall program activities.

Requests for project/time extensions for Program Development proposals are rarely granted.

SUPPORT OF CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIA & MEETINGS

Rhode Island Sea Grant will consider the support of meetings in the following order of priorities: (1) led and organized by Rhode Island Sea Grant staff, (2) Rhode Island Sea Grant staff are members of the event's organizing and/or steering committee, and (3) the event addresses priority issues as stated in the current Rhode Island Sea Grant Strategic and Organizational Development Plan, plans of the Northeast Sea Grant Consortium, or are of importance to the plans of the National Sea Grant Focus Teams.

Rhode Island Sea Grant will consider the support of direct costs submitted via invoice where items are clearly identified (e.g., speaker travel, proceedings publication). No overhead or staff costs will be supported. Rhode Island Sea Grant will rarely consider the support of any costs related to food and receptions. Costs for alcoholic beverages cannot be paid.

Financial support from Rhode Island Sea Grant requires acknowledgement of Rhode Island Sea Grant, NOAA and the University of Rhode Island on all conference/symposia/meeting materials, such as event posters, banners, and publications, with copies of such materials provided to Rhode Island Sea Grant. Invited and/or free meeting attendance for at least one (1) Rhode Island Sea Grant staff member is required.

SUPPORT OF TRAVEL

Priority will be given to support travel incurred by currently funded Rhode Island Sea Grant researchers and staff who are invited to participate in workshops, conferences, symposia, etc., where presentations that add to (and are not included in) their funded Omnibus proposal. All travel is approved at the discretion of the Rhode Island Sea Grant Director, and any approved travel must be booked by Program Administration. A final trip report is required, noting outcomes.