

# ODFW Marine Reserve Graduate Student Award

**Purpose:** The Marine Reserve Program at Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) is interested in supporting students undertaking applied research that informs our understanding of the ecological processes shaping nearshore (< 3 nautical miles) marine communities in Oregon waters. The Marine Reserve Program seeks to grant 1-2 awards to current graduate students at any Oregon college/ university. Students may be enrolled at the Masters or Ph.D. level.

**Support Areas:** There are no restrictions on the discipline or department, however, the purpose of these scholarships is to support students currently pursuing research that either (1) informs the management of marine reserves into nearshore waters, (2) informs our understanding of nearshore communities in Oregon's waters, (3) or informs how nearshore communities in Oregon will respond to environmental change (i.e. hypoxia, ocean acidification, increasing sea surface temperatures).

**Funding Use:** Awards may be used for research expenses, supplies, salary, attendance at professional meetings, or tuition.

**Application:** Students must submit:

- Two-page project description of activities to be undertaken in the fellowship, including statement of academic goals in marine biology. It should address how the project will contribute to advancing marine reserve science and/or understanding about nearshore marine communities in Oregon.
- Resume (not to exceed 2 pages).
- Letter of support by faculty member.

**Duration:** One calendar year. The recipient will be expected to prepare a poster on proposed research at the beginning (June 2021) and an oral presentation with report on results at the end of the year (June 2022) at the annual HMSC-Markham Awards Symposium. Award recipients will also be required to prepare either a poster or a presentation for the annual State of the Coast conference (organized by Oregon Sea Grant).

In addition, the recipient will be invited to attend a lunch with the ODFW Marine Reserve Program staff to informally discuss their research (summer 2022).

**Deadline:** April 13

**Application Submission:** Complete application at <https://beav.es/JPd>. Contact Melissa Rieth with questions [melissa.rieth@oregonstate.edu](mailto:melissa.rieth@oregonstate.edu)

