



# Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia: Request for Proposals Informational Webinar August 5, 2021

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# Webinar Guidelines

- All participants automatically muted during presentation
- Ask questions using the **Q&A feature**
- Recording of presentation will be made available on the CA Sea Grant website



# Please note that:



- The information in this presentation is accurate as of August 5, 2021
- The timeline and details of the 2022 request for proposals (RFP) contained herein are subject to change
- Any updates to the timeline or the RFP will be listed on the California Sea Grant website
- We urge potential applicants to refer to the RFP itself when preparing applications and not solely rely on the information in this presentation

# Webinar Objectives



- Describe in detail the request for proposals
- Go over important application components
- Question & Answer Session

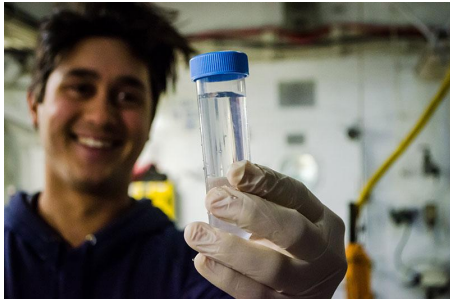
# Award Information

- Focus on proposals for monitoring, research, and synthesis projects that will enhance our understanding of **ocean acidification and hypoxia (OAH)** on biological vulnerability.
- Anticipate funding **2 to 7 projects** with a **maximum of \$1 million** per project
- Projects can be up to **3 years** in duration
- Anticipated Start Date: **February 1, 2022**
- No matching funds will be required for this funding opportunity. However, we encourage applicants to point out related research and collaborations that would compliment your proposal.



# Eligibility

- Public agencies, nonprofit corporations, tribes and tribal governments, or private entities are eligible.
- Projects must **benefit the state of California** and California applicants will be highly prioritized
- Applicants may submit more than one LOI/Full Proposal
  - 1 award per PI
  - PI's may be listed as Co-PIs on other projects



# Priority Topics/Focus Areas

## Monitoring Projects

1. Connect biological and chemical data
2. Improve OAH models as decision-support tools
3. Strengthen integration of OAH monitoring programs
4. Address spatial/temporal data gaps

## Synthesis Projects

1. Develop shareable information products
2. Develop centralized data portal

## Research Projects

1. Connect findings to long-term monitoring efforts or management-relevant applications
2. Quantify sensitivity and adaptive capacity & address multi-stressors
3. Utilize exposure gradients to assess sensitivity, thresholds, and resilience





# Required Application Components: Letter of Intent

*DEADLINE: August 30, 2021 5:00 p.m. PT submitted through eSeaGrant (<http://eseagrant2.ucsd.edu/>)*



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The letter (2 page max, 12 pt font) must provide the following basic information:

- Name of applicant and contact information
- Title of project
- Brief discussion of the focal topic and approach
- Approximate funding to be requested





# Letter of Intent Evaluation Criteria

*We will provide feedback to all applicants within approximately two weeks after the August 30, 2021 LOI deadline*

## Encourage:

- Shows relevance to the program priorities
- Clearly articulates the problems being addressed
- Sufficiently links information that is relevant to a manager, decision-maker, or other stakeholders

## Discourage:

- Lacks a clear connection to management and/or policy
- Does not clearly identify the end-user
- Does not make a connection to long-term monitoring data collection efforts
- Is redundant or duplicative of past work
- Does not clearly demonstrate how the proposed work will:
  - a) identify OAH status and trends or
  - b) advance or fill existing OAH knowledge gaps.



# Required Application Components: Full Proposal

**DEADLINE: October 7, 2021 5:00 p.m. PT submitted through eSeaGrant (<http://eseagrant2.ucsd.edu/>)**

1. Title Page
2. Project Summary
3. CVs and Additional Personnel
4. Project Narrative
5. Budget and Budget Justification
6. Environmental Compliance Questionnaire
7. Data Management Plan
8. Current and Pending Support
9. Letters of Support (Optional)
10. Diversity Statement
11. Diversity Questionnaire (Optional)

*NOTE: After applicants have been encouraged to submit a full proposal, they will be granted access to the full proposal submission portal in eSeaGrant*



# Full Proposal Evaluation Criteria

*To be funded, research must be consistent with the missions of CA Sea Grant and OPC, to be consistent with this request for proposals, and be a solution-based research project pertaining to OAH.*

- ***Project Rationale and Relevance (25%)***
- ***Technical/Scientific Merit (30%)***
- ***Management/User Relationships (15%)***
- ***Project costs (5%)***
- ***Qualifications of Investigators (15%):***
- ***Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (10%)***

*All proposals will undergo a structured, external review process*



# Full Proposal Selection Criteria

California Sea Grant and OPC shall award in the rank order unless the proposal is justified to be selected out of rank order based on one or more of the following factors:

- Availability of funding
- Balance/distribution of funds:
  - Geographically
  - By type of institution
  - By type of partners
  - By research priority
  - By project types
- Duplication of projects funded/considered for funding by California Sea Grant & OPC
- Program priorities and policy factors
- Applicant's prior award performance
- Partnerships with/participation of diverse groups, mentors and underrepresented communities



# Timeline

- **August 30, 2021:** Letter of Intent due
- **September 10, 2021 (approximate):** Letter of Intent responses sent to applicants
- **October 7, 2021:** Proposals due
- **October - November 2021:** Review of Proposals
- **November 2021:** Proposal applicants notified of recommendations
- **December 7, 2021:** Recommended projects brought to December Council meeting for consideration of funding
- **On/after February 1, 2022:** Selected projects can begin





## Questions?

Please use the Zoom Q&A Feature

### **Proposal Content Questions:**

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