

Sea Grant Announces Funding Opportunities for Aquaculture



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Since 1966, Sea Grant has invested in the development of sustainable marine and Great Lakes aquaculture to help coastal communities maintain a safe and sustainable local seafood supply. Sea Grant's investment in aquaculture focuses on research and technology transfer, often through one-on-one interactions with extension agents, to support and expand the U.S.'s aquaculture industry.

In 2019, the National Sea Grant College Program's national investment in aquaculture focuses on building upon the foundation laid by recent investments and continuing to tap the aquaculture expertise contained within the network of university-based professionals that comprise the Sea Grant network. Sea Grant is doing this primarily through three federal funding opportunities, described below and available via [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

Advanced Aquaculture Collaborative Programs, 2019 NOAA-OAR-SG-2019-2005963

Sea Grant anticipates at least \$9,000,000 will be available to support the establishment of collaborative programs to build the capacity of Sea Grant and its partners to advance aquaculture

in areas where a foundation of knowledge and activity currently exists but where significant barriers to sustainable domestic marine and Great Lakes aquaculture remain. These collaborative programs will serve as geographic or topic-based hubs for fully integrated, transdisciplinary research, outreach, and education that will provide broad, non-proprietary support and investment for building and/or enhancing an aquaculture industry.

Letters of Intent are due April 15, 2019 (see formal announcement for details).
Full proposals are due May 15, 2019 (see formal announcement for details).

To view the funding announcement on grants.gov:

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=313199>

Exploring New Aquaculture Opportunities, 2019 NOAA-OAR-SG-2019-2005960

Sea Grant anticipates \$1,500,000 will be available to support Sea Grant-led aquaculture projects to catalyze work in a range of topics or geographies. This competition will fund diverse, and at times, high-risk, developmental projects that will envision, explore and advance aquaculture opportunities where a minimal foundation currently exists.

Letters of intent are due March 26, 2019 (see formal announcement for details).
Full proposals are due April 24, 2019 (see formal announcement for details).

To view the funding announcement on grants.gov:

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=313202>

Social, Behavioral, and Economic Research Needs in Aquaculture, 2019 NOAA-OAR-SG-2019-2005953

The National Sea Grant Office anticipates around \$3,000,000 will be available to support research to address critical gaps in social, behavioral, and economic knowledge as it relates to U.S. aquaculture and the communities impacted and served by it. The initiative is informed by the National Strategic Plan for Federal Aquaculture Research; the Sea Grant 10-Year NOAA Sea Grant Aquaculture Vision; and previous research from federal, state, and university scientists.

Letters of intent are due April 2, 2019 (see formal announcement for details).
Full proposals are due May 1, 2019 (see formal announcement for details).

To view the funding announcement on grants.gov:

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=313201>

Informational Webinar

The National Sea Grant Office will host an informational webinar about the three aquaculture-related funding opportunities on Monday, March 4 at 3 pm Eastern. [Register or join using this link.](#)

Webinar accessibility: If you would like a plain text version of the presentation sent to you ahead of time, or would like the NSGO to provide live captioning of this event or require any other special assistance to participate in this webinar, please email oar.hq.sg.aquaculture@noaa.gov at least 24 hours ahead of the scheduled start time of the webinar. For more information on Section 508 of the Americans with Disabilities Act, please visit www.ada.gov.

What is MIT Sea Grant's role in these aquaculture FFO's?

MIT Sea Grant can help facilitate submitting proposals through our program for Massachusetts-based researchers who are interested in submitting aquaculture proposals that meet the collaborative research, education, and outreach objectives of these funding opportunities. We may also be able to help facilitate team building with industry and researchers from Massachusetts and regionally to help meet the funding multidisciplinary collaboration requirements.

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