

### **National Sea Grant College Program Act**

**Agencies:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**Citation:** [33 U.S.C. §§ 1121 et seq.](#)

**Enacted as:** the “Marine Resources and Engineering Development Act of 1966”, on June 17, 1966; Title II, the “National Sea Grant College and Program Act of 1966” was added in the October 15, 1966 amendments.

#### **Summary:**

The [National Sea Grant College Program Act](#) created the [National Sea Grant College Program \(Program\)](#) to increase the understanding, assessment, development, utilization, and conservation of the Nation’s ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources through a program of university-based research, education, and outreach.

The Sea Grant Act authorizes the Program to award grants and contracts to initiate and support programs at Sea Grant colleges and other institutions, including a public or private institution of higher education, institute, laboratory, or state or local agency.

Grants are awarded in a field related to ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources, including marine affairs, resource management, technology, education, or science, which is concerned with or likely to improve the understanding, assessment, development, utilization, or conservation of ocean, coastal, or Great Lakes resources.

Sea Grant supports programs for research, education, and advisory services related to the conservation and development of marine resources. The Sea Grant College Program Act also establishes graduate and post-graduate fellowship programs related to ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resources, including the annual [Knauss Fellowship](#).

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