Yes, college does a great job of educating students. It’s a wonderful time to hone a knowledge base and refine career passions.

But the cherry on life’s professional and educational pie has to be a fellowship program, particularly the Margaret A. Davidson Fellowship. In addition to the science-based project work, fellows participate in training designed to develop superior skills in project planning, collaborative science, meeting facilitation, and communication. These skills are sought after by future employers and help the students successfully design and implement their fellowship-based research. Having this fellowship on a resume can open doors. Having these additional skills to build upon will improve one’s personal and professional life experiences.

Testimonial Quotes

“This is [an] opportunity to make a life-long career goal come to reality and become a well-rounded coastal manager in the place I call home.”
Natalia Lopez Figueroa
Jobos Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

“This fellowship has changed my life in a positive way, and I can’t say thank you enough for this amazing opportunity.”
Edgar Guerron Orejuela
Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

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coast.noaa.gov/nerrs/research/davidson-fellowship.html
Jessica Brunacini  
**Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve**

Jessica is building on her fellowship work supporting Maine’s coastal communities by joining Maine Sea Grant as a coastal community resilience extension associate. Jessica is continuing to direct attention to the social dimensions of building coastal resilience, with a focus on the needs of socially vulnerable groups.

Emilio Grande  
**Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve**

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Claudia Mazur  
**Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve**

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Sarah Tucker  
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