

Marine Science Scholarships and Opportunities

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Please reach out to carlyhaack@ucsb.edu if there are additional resources we should add to this list.

Thank you!

UC Santa Barbara Scholarships and Opportunities

Marine Science Institute website <https://msi.ucsb.edu/diversity-equity-and-inclusion>

This UC Santa Barbara website has both established research opportunities at MSI, along with currently available open positions. Opportunities include: FUERTE, REUs, DIVERsity in Diving, RISE, SBC LTER, MCR LTER, and additional open positions.

Coastal Fund- UC Santa Barbara Associated Students <https://coastalfund.as.ucsb.edu/>

The REEF <https://msi.ucsb.edu/education/oceans-to-classrooms/opportunities>

Here's a periodically-updated funding list for undergraduates/ graduate/ and post doc students. It was created and is updated by a UCSB PhD student:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1BaC0sX7I8_mMcXxlThEM2kZgSUqi7-I_BHZe_CUvuhw/edit#gid=1028707473

Santa Barbara Volunteer Opportunities

Cachuma Lake Nature Center <https://www.clnaturecenter.org/giving-and-belonging.html>

Channel Island Marine & Wildlife Institute (CIMWI) <https://cimwi.org/>

Coal Oil Point Natural Reserve <https://copr.nrs.ucsb.edu/get-involved/>

Explore Ecology Beach Cleanups <https://exploreecology.org/>

Ocean Defenders Alliance <https://www.oceandefenders.org/>

Parks and Recreation <https://sbparksandrec.santabarbaraca.gov/activities/volunteer-opportunities>

Reef Check <https://www.reefcheck.org/volunteer-corner/>

Sea Center <https://www.sbnature.org/volunteer/adult/sea-center-opportunities/>

Santa Barbara Channelkeeper <https://www.sbck.org/our-work/field-work/trash-clean-ups/>

Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network <https://www.sbwcn.org/volunteer>

Santa Barbara Zoo <https://www.sbzoo.org/about/volunteer/>

Sedgwick Reserve <https://sedgwick.nrs.ucsb.edu/get-involved/volunteering/>

STEM Pals <https://forms.gle/LvyLPgBz6nzVviJx9>

Additional SB Volunteer Activities <https://www.countyofsb.org/2454/Get-Involved>

National Scholarships

AAUS Foundation <https://www.aausfoundation.org/>

- Research scholarships (application due June): AAUS awards two \$3000 research scholarships, one to a Master's program student and one to a PhD candidate
 - They may also award two additional \$1500 scholarships to the next two highest rank proposals
- Diversity Scholarship: AAUS will fund an Open Water dive course to those who are interested in becoming a scientific diver.
- Kevin Flanagan Student Travel Award (application due January)

Beneath the Sea <https://www.beneaththesea.us/scholarships/seaoftomorrow.html>

- A range of scholarships and scuba training grants, from Open Water to Advanced dive certifications. (application due January)

Boyd Lyon Sea Turtle Fund Scholarship <https://www.boydlyonseaturtlefund.org/projectsgrantees>

- Annual scholarship for students whose research is focused on sea turtles (application opens October)

Barry Goldwater Scholarship <https://goldwaterscholarship.gov/eligibility/>

- Helps support tuition, fees, books, and room and board costs (up to a \$7,500 annual max) for sophomores or juniors pursuing a research career (application due January)

Global Underwater Explorers (GUE) NextGen Scholarship <https://www.gue.com/nextgen-scholarship>

- Provides a year of scuba training, a travel budget, and a new set of gear to students

Marine Technology Society (MTS) Scholarships <https://www.mtsociety.org/scholarships>

- Multiple scholarships available, ranging from \$1000 to \$2500 and geared towards undergraduate and graduate students

NOAA Scholarships

- Undergraduate scholarships (application opens in September) <https://www.noaa.gov/office-education/scholarships>
- Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship <https://fosterscholars.noaa.gov/>
 - For Master's and Doctoral degree students (application due December)
- Additional NOAA opportunities <https://www.noaa.gov/education/opportunities/students>

Our World-Underwater Scholarship Society (OWUSS) <https://www.owuscholarship.org/internships>

- Rolex Scholarship (application due January)
- Internships (application due January)

Scientific Boating Safety Association (SBSA) https://scientificboating.org/?page_id=1538

- Student Training Award: Provides up to four, \$300 training awards annually to go towards taking a hands-on boat training course.

Women's Diver Hall of Fame <https://www.wdhof.org/scholarships/scholarship-descriptions>

- A range of scholarships and scuba training grants, for both women and men. Training grants include basic dive training and advanced dive training grants, as well as disabled diver training. (application due October)

Zale Perry Scholarship <https://www.auas-nogi.org/applications>

- Graduate student scholarship that awards \$6000 per recipient (application due August)

National Fellowships

Center for Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Fellowship <https://www.hartheresearch.org/ccme>

- Supports a 12-week experience of working under a NOAA scientist at a NOAA facility.

Nautilus Live Science Communication Fellowship <https://nautiluslive.org/join/science-communication-fellowship>

- Designed for those interested in science communication and outreach, the program includes a 3-4 week sailing expedition on a deep-sea oceanographic research vessel.

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) <https://www.nsfgrfp.org/>

- This five-year fellowship for graduate students provides three years of financial support inclusive of an annual stipend of \$37,000 along with a \$12,000 cost of education allowance for tuition and fees (application due October)

NSF Undergraduate REUs https://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/list_result.jsp?unitid=5053

- The REU program offers research opportunities to undergraduates, funded by NSF. Students work closely with faculty and other researchers during this time, and participants receive stipends. Students must contact an REU site for information and application materials.

Pew Fellowship <https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/projects/marine-fellows>

- Each Pew fellow is awarded a \$150,000 grant, allocated over three years, to complete a research project that produces new data, knowledge, or methods to advance the protection and sustainable use of the world's oceans

Sea Grant Fellowships <https://seagrants.noaa.gov/>

- Community Engaged Internship: Designed for undergraduate students from underrepresented and indigenous communities, stipend provided (applications typically due January-March, and vary by program).
- Graduate Fellowships: Awarded to graduate student and post-docs, as well as recent graduates. Has both federally and California-specific fellowships.
- California Sea Grant Fellowships: <https://caseagrant.ucsd.edu/funding/california-sea-grant-state-fellowship>

Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Fellowship <https://www.whoi.edu/what-we-do/educate/undergraduate-programs/summer-student-fellowship/>

- Supports undergraduate students in performing a 10-12 week research project at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. (application due February)

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Great Minds in STEM (GMiS) <https://greatmindsinstem.org/gmis-scholarship-application/gmis-scholarships/gmis-scholarship-guidelines/>

- Merit-based scholarship ranging from \$500 to \$5000. Applicants can be undergrads or graduate students, and must be of Hispanic descent and/or must demonstrate significant leadership or service within the underserved community (application due April)

IOScholarships <https://ioscholarships.com/>

- A free online scholarship search engine. Designed to help underrepresented students find STEM scholarships.

Minorities in Shark Sciences Scholarship & Fellowships <https://www.misselasmoo.org/fellowships.html>

- Annual scholarship for students whose research is focused on shark science, as well as a scholarship to sponsor attendance to a scientific conference, and a variety of other fellowships

ScholarSHPE <https://shpe.org/engage/programs/scholarshpe/>

- Awards scholarships to Hispanic undergraduate and graduate STEM students (application due April)

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Scuba Training Scholarships

Coastal Fund, UC Santa Barbara <https://coastalfund.as.ucsb.edu/scientific-dive-and-safety-course-fee-support-program/>

- Fully funds the scientific diving course for 1-3 undergraduates, for each of the Fall and Spring courses

DIVERsity in Diving, UC Santa Barbara <https://msi.ucsb.edu/diversity-equity-and-inclusion/diversity-diving>

- Supports funding for an Open Water certification, training dives and rental gear, AAUS scientific diver certification, and purchasing gear.

AAUS Foundation Diversity Scholarship

https://aausfoundation.org/AAUSFoundation/Scholarships/Diversity_Scholarship/AAUSFoundation/Diversity_scholarship.aspx?hkey=ac65c56b-6d38-4ad3-ac07-0e4fb6654af8

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- Somers Scholarship (application due January): Priority for applicants who have NOT yet received an AAUS scientific diving certification
- Mitchell Scholarship (application due January): Priority for applicants who HAVE received an AAUS scientific diving certification

Other Marine Science Opportunities & Job Postings

- **Aquarium of the Pacific**
https://www.aquariumofpacific.org/volunteer/college_internships
<https://www.aquariumofpacific.org/volunteer>
<https://www.aquariumofpacific.org/employment>
- **California Academy of Sciences**
<https://www.calacademy.org/internships>
<https://www.calacademy.org/volunteering-at-the-academy>
- **California Department of Fish and Wildlife**
<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Employment>
- **California Science Center**
<https://californiasciencecenter.org/employment-opportunities>
- **Catalina Island Marine Institute**
<https://cimi.org/positions/>
- **Channel Island National Park Service**
https://www.nps.gov/chis/getinvolved/workwithus.htm#CP_JUMP_109376
- **Conservation Job Board**
<https://www.conservationjobboard.com/category/marine-biology-jobs>
- **Hubbs Seaworld Research Institute**
<https://hswri.org/>
- **Los Angeles Waterkeeper**
<https://www.lawaterkeeper.org/employment>
- **MarineBio Life Job Postings**
<https://marinebio.life/home/resources/careers-internship-more/>
- **Monterey Bay Aquarium**
<https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/about-us/job-opportunities>
- **Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute**
<https://www.mbari.org/>
- **Nautilus Dive Adventures**
<https://nautilusliveaboards.com/open-positions/>

- **Newfound Harbor Marine Institute**
<https://www.nhmi.org/staff.htm>
- **Pacific Whale Foundation**
<https://www.pacificwhale.org/>
- **Reef Check Worldwide**
<https://www.reefcheck.org/get-involved/career-opportunities/>
- **Santa Barbara Channel Keeper**
<https://www.sbck.org/>
- **Schmidt Marine Ocean Job Board**
<https://jobs.schmidtmarine.org/jobs>
- **Stanford Hopkins Marine Station Job Postings**
<https://hopkinsmarinestation.stanford.edu/graduate-programgraduate-student-resources/job-postings>
- **Texas A&M Job Board**
<https://wfscjobs.tamu.edu/job-board/>
- **The Bay Foundation**
<https://www.santamonicabay.org/jobs/>
- **The Nature Conservancy Job Board**
<https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/careers/>
- **USA Jobs- Job Search**
<https://www.usajobs.gov/>