Sustainable Oceans Fellowship | Apply to be a fellow

Beginning in Fall 2019, the Sustainable Oceans Fellowship expands upon the Latin American Fisheries Fellows program to build a collaborative, global network of passionate environmental professionals tackling ocean sustainability challenges. With an initial expanded focus to East Asia and the Pacific, the Bren School seeks to help usher in a new generation of interdisciplinary environmental leaders who can skillfully champion environmental policy, business, and management to achieve healthy ocean systems, abundant fisheries, and thriving coastal communities.

Sustainable Oceans Fellows, in cohorts of 3-5 MESM students, follow the two-year Master of Environmental Science & Management (MESM) at the Bren School, which provides an interdisciplinary, solution-oriented curriculum of rigorous coursework, a collaborative Masters Project addressing a real-world problem, a professional internship (typically in the student’s home country), and advanced training in communications and/or entrepreneurship, as well as tailored programming of short courses, seminars, workshops, capstone projects and directed research.

Fellows come to learn, discover, create, test, innovate, design, and implement solutions to ocean sustainability challenges in their home regions. They gain expertise from the natural and social sciences to effectively tackle real-world marine environmental issues, both during their tenure in the graduate program as fellows and into impactful careers as alumni.

Admissions Application & Fellowship Cover Letter

To Apply, fellowship applicants are required to complete the UCSB e-app for admission to the Bren School of Environmental Science & Management and also submit a cover letter for the Sustainable Oceans Fellows program to be considered for this Fellowship. Please upload your Sustainable Oceans Fellowship cover letter to your UCSB e-app on the statements & Supplemental Documents section and select “Edit section.” After you have uploaded the three required application documents (statement of purpose, personal achievements/contributions statement, and resume or CV), select “other document type” in the Document Title text bar, enter Sustainable Oceans Fellowship Cover Letter_Name as the title. Click browse to find and upload your cover letter as a PDF document.

The Sustainable Oceans Fellowship program selects candidates who seek high-impact careers leading solutions to ocean sustainability challenges in their home country, whether at the local, regional or global scale. To help us understand why you seek to be a Sustainable Oceans Fellow, please describe the following in your cover letter:

1) Your career vision (what you see yourself doing in your career)
2) Relevant experience that positions you to make a difference for social or environmental well-being pertaining to the ocean
3) How you foresee using the Sustainable Oceans Fellowship to help catalyze your future impact

As part of your admissions and fellowship review, a follow-up interview may be requested. For questions, please contact the Sustainable Oceans Fellowship program at fishfellowship@bren.ucsb.edu