

2023 Caribbean Fisheries Professional Development Program

Distance Learning Scholarships in **Fisheries Science and Management**



The 2023 Fall Semester Program

We are pleased to announce for the 2023 fall academic semester, a scholarship program for Gulf and Caribbean-based fisheries professionals to undertake distance learning courses provided by the University of Florida's Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Program.

Competitive applicants will be offered learning options that include classes in quantitative fisheries science, management and aquaculture.

These are challenging graduate-level courses that will reward participants with new knowledge and perspectives in fisheries science and management. Successful completion of this coursework will require commitment on the part of selected applicants and of their government ministry or organization.

Distance Learning Courses Offered

Applicants will select one course from the following options.

1. FAS 6705 – Fisheries & Aquaculture Economics
2. FAS 6355C – Fisheries Management
3. FAS 6932 – Marine Protected Areas
4. FAS 5015 – Aquaculture 1
5. FAS 5203/6932 – Biology of Fishes
6. FAS 6337– *Fish Population Dynamics

*Prerequisite: Basic R-programming and statistics

See course descriptions and requirements appended to this document.

Application of Knowledge

To facilitate knowledge sharing and follow-up among program participants and sponsors, scholarship awardees will participate in periodic video-conference meetings with sponsors. Courses will involve on-line learning sessions with instructors but will require a facility for independent learning by selected applicants.

Award Requirements

Applicants must be employed by a fisheries resource management NGO, ministry, or government agency located in the Gulf or Caribbean region or affiliated with a member state of the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and the Turks and Caicos Islands. At a minimum, applicants must possess a bachelor's degree (e.g., BA or BS) or a professional degree (e.g., Juris Doctorate) from an accredited college or university. *Candidates must prove fluency in English.*

We anticipate funding coursework for the top three to four applicants.

Program Sponsors

- Florida Sea Grant
- The Gulf & Caribbean Fisheries Institute
- The UF Fisheries & Aquatic Sciences Program
- The Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism



Application Parts

Please format your application according to the following six (A-F) sections.

A. Contact information

Please provide your:

- Full name
- Full mailing address
- Telephone number
- Email address

B. Job status

Please describe your current job and professional interests (250-500 words).

C. Training interests

Please identify one course of interest from the choices offered above. Describe how you will apply new knowledge or skills learned to an ongoing project or propose a project that you would like to develop and explain how the implementation of that project would benefit from your participation in this training opportunity (500-1,000 words).

D. Letter of endorsement

Please include a letter of endorsement from an individual or supervisor who is familiar with your professional status and accomplishments.

E. Educational credentials

Please include a scanned image of your Bachelors, Masters, Ph.D., or other professional degree (e.g., Law) that you earned from an accredited college or university.

F. Professional accomplishments

Please provide a current resume. Your resume should highlight additional relevant education, training experiences, publications and/or reports, honors and/or awards.



Submitting Your Application

- All six sections (A-F above) of the application must be labeled, scanned, combined in order, and emailed in Adobe Acrobat format (PDF file) to Florida Sea Grant c/o Dr. Nancy Montes (nancymontes@ufl.edu).
- Applications must be complete. Partial applications will not be accepted.
- Florida Sea Grant will confirm receipt of applications via email at the time they are received.
- Please direct questions regarding this opportunity to Florida Sea Grant c/o Dr. Nancy Montes (nancymontes@ufl.edu) or to the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism c/o Dr. Sandra Grant (sandra.grant@crfm.int).

Application Deadline: June 23, 2023

Please follow these instructions carefully when preparing your application.

Evaluation Criteria and Selection Process

A panel consisting of program sponsors will evaluate applications according to the following criteria.

- Quality of your response to training interests (application section C) - 50%
- Strength of the letter of endorsement (application section D) - 25%
- Educational / professional accomplishments (application sections E, F) - 25%

Important Dates

Application Opens: May 12, 2023

Application Deadline: June 23, 2023

Scholarship Notification: July 14, 2023

Classes Begin: August 23; End: December 15, 2023