

2018 Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Professional Development Program

A Professional Development Opportunity at the University of Florida

“Building Capacity through Scientific Exchange”

2018 Training Program

We are pleased to offer Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean-based fisheries professionals a training opportunity at the University of Florida, USA oriented towards “**Facilitating Resiliency in Fisheries and Associated Ecosystems**” recognizing 2018 as the International Year of the Reef. The successful candidate will be hosted by Florida Sea Grant (www.flseagrant.org). The four-month training will focus on one of the following topics:

- (1) hazard vulnerability and risk assessment
- (2) community-based fisheries co-management
- (3) data collection and analysis methods
- (4) learning GIS

The Award

The award will include lodging in an apartment on the UF campus and an additional stipend of \$1,500 US per month for four months (\$6,000 US). Round trip airfare for the successful candidate also is included. The candidate will be responsible for acquiring a visa, mandatory health insurance coverage (about \$500 US) and living expenses.

Important Dates

Application opens: **March 23, 2018**

Application deadline: **April 27, 2018**

Award notification: **June 1, 2018**

Program starts: **August 14, 2018**

Program ends: **December 14, 2018**

The successful candidate will be matched with Florida Sea Grant-affiliated faculty at UF whose expertise aligns with their professional interests

and the training topic selected. The candidate will apply knowledge gained to advance a project of their choosing that is consistent with the program theme of resiliency and related to needs identified by their fisheries resource management ministry or government agency. Opportunities will be provided to facilitate collaboration and share project activities and results with program sponsors. At the conclusion of the training-period the selected candidate will report progress made towards fulfilling their project at a UF Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Seminar, which will be broadcasted on the web.

Award Requirements

Applicants must be employed by a fisheries resource management ministry or government agency located in the Gulf of Mexico or Caribbean region. This includes all island nations up to Bermuda, central and south American countries from Mexico south to Columbia, CRFM member states, and US territories in the Caribbean. 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 be fluent in English.

This program is not open to students or persons residing in the continental USA.

Program Sponsors

Florida, Hawaii, Georgia and Puerto Rico Sea Grant Programs; The Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism; The Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute.



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 describe 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. Specify the skills you would like to gain. (500-1,000 words).

D. Letter of endorsement

Please include a letter of endorsement from an individual 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) from an accredited university or college.

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.

This announcement can also be found at www.flseagrant.org

Submitting Your Application

- All six sections (A-F above) of the application must be labeled, scanned, combined in order and emailed as one file in Adobe Acrobat format (PDF file) to Florida Sea Grant c/o Dr. Charles Sidman (csidman@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. Charles Sidman (csidman@ufl.edu) or to the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism c/o Dr. Susan Singh-Renton (susan.singhrenton@crfm.int).
- Application Deadline: **April 27, 2018**

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 response to professional/training interests (application sections B, C) - 50%
- Strength of the letter of endorsement (application section D) - 20%
- Educational and professional accomplishments (application sections E, F) - 30%

