

## Graduate Research Fellowships

### Request for proposals

The Oil Spill Recovery Institute (OSRI) in Cordova, Alaska annually awards graduate fellowships. We are soliciting proposals for one new graduate research fellowship. Fellowships are made available on a competitive basis to students admitted to or enrolled in a full-time master's or doctoral program at accredited colleges and universities. Proposals for up to \$30,000 per year from OSRI will be accepted and may provide funding for up to two years for master's or up to four years for doctoral-level research. Previously funded students whose fellowships are expiring may reapply for additional funding, but their proposal will be evaluated as a new proposal. Funding can be used for a stipend, tuition, and other research-related expenses. A match contribution of 25% of the total request is required. For detailed information about OSRI see [OSRI.us](https://osri.us).

For a complete explanation of the OSRI graduate student fellowship program and application procedures see <https://osri.us/projects/grant-policy-manual/> and look for appendix E. The application form is appendix D and the budget form is appendix F at the same location.

### Program objectives

OSRI funds projects that will 1) enhance scientific understanding of Arctic and sub-Arctic marine and estuarine ecosystems, 2) develop new tools for oil spill response, and 3) provide the information needed by managers and decision-makers for oil spill response and recovery. The OSRI Graduate Research Fellowship (GRF) Program offers qualified masters and doctoral students the opportunity to address scientific and socioeconomic issues of significance to oil spills in Arctic and sub-Arctic regions.

### Research focus areas

Fellowships may be awarded in any field that addresses OSRI's mission. We are particularly interested in applications that examine the following areas of emphasis: food safety, environmental conditions in the western Aleutians, oceanography associated with tide rips, toxicology, spill detection and tracking, improving spill response in sea ice, and degradation of oil. Projects are not limited to those areas of interest. Applicants should examine the OSRI five-year research plan at <https://osri.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/OSRI-Research-Plan-2021-2025.pdf> to learn more about OSRI's research emphases.

All proposals must link the fellowship activities to OSRI's mission and goals. A description of OSRI and our mission and goals is at [OSRI.us](https://osri.us). Grant application materials can be found at <https://osri.us/projects/grant-policy-manual/> with appendices D and F of most importance. OSRI has a single application form for all size grants but does not expect that all areas within the application form will be relevant to every request for proposals. **The deadline for submitting applications is January 12, 2024.** Funding is anticipated to begin as early as April 1, 2024. Applications should be emailed to [wspogau@pwssc.org](mailto:wspogau@pwssc.org). Applicants are encouraged to contact Dr. Scott Pegau, OSRI Research Program Manager ([wspogau@pwssc.org](mailto:wspogau@pwssc.org)), with any questions regarding this opportunity.