



## NOPP Science and Policy Communications Fellow

**Organization:** National Oceanographic Partnership Program (NOPP)  
**Location:** Arlington, VA & Tysons, VA  
**Paid:** \$14/hr  
**Duration:** July – December 2016, full time (40 hrs/wk)

***Application Deadline: May 31, 2016***

### **Overview:**

The National Oceanographic Partnership Program (NOPP) was established by Congress with the 1997 Defense Authorization Act (Public Law 104-201) to improve our knowledge of the ocean for the purposes of assuring national security, advancing economic development, protecting quality of life, and strengthening science education and communication. These objectives are achieved through marine science and technology research partnerships among Federal agencies, academia, industry, and others in the oceanographic scientific community. The objectives of the NOPP are coordinated by the NOPP Office under the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology (SOST). Among the working groups of the SOST, the NOPP office supports the NOPP interagency project development committee, a group that includes representatives from NOAA, BOEM, ONR, NSF, and other Federal agencies involved in oceanographic endeavors. We also support the Interagency Working Group on Facilities and Infrastructure (IWG-FI), which monitors the Nation's oceanographic research fleet. We also provide support for Ocean Research Advisory Panel (ORAP), a body created under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463). Please see our website [www.nopp.org](http://www.nopp.org) for more information about the program.

The NOPP Fellow Program is designed to give recent MA or MS graduates the opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills to address ocean science and policy communication challenges and coordinate activities that play a role in marine and coastal policy development, research efforts, partnership development, proposal vetting, and STEM outreach. This position requires engagement with individuals in the Federal system who organize, develop and lead the Nation's ocean policy and research directives, and provides an opportunity to gain hands-on experience in governmental activities relating to ocean science, technology, and education.

Fellows will regularly engage with representatives from agencies as the Navy, ONR, NOAA, BOEM, USGS, DOE, DOI, NSF, EPA, USACE, and their partners, to support project development efforts. The Fellow will also gain exposure to a broad range of Federal oceanographic research activities, such as improved forecasting technologies in a changing climate, autonomous aerial and underwater vehicles, technology development and integration, biodiversity monitoring, sea ice modeling, acoustics, Arctic programs, and many other topics that enhance knowledge and guide responsible stewardship of the ocean and its resources.

### **Responsibilities and Duties:**

- Social media outreach and analytics.
- Engage with NOPP staff to continue streamlining and improving program protocol and operations, and project tracking and reporting.
- Work as part of the NOPP staff in providing technical and meeting support to the NOPP and IWG-FI co-chairs and members, all of the associated subgroups, and the ORAP.
- Monitor, attend, and summarize relevant agency, non-profit, and Congressional briefings and hearings.
- Develop communication materials and assist in maintaining the NOPP website.
- Professionally interact with high-level Federal agency staff from the SOST in support of NOPP initiatives and National Ocean Policy objectives.
- Provide assistance to the Program Manager and Program Coordinators in organizing and maintaining updated documents, coordinating outreach and social media activities, tracking and research of NOPP activities.
- Must be able to work full-time (40 hours/week) during regular operating hours.

### **Qualifications:**

- Recent (or soon-to-be) MA or MS graduate with a focused interest and academic background in Science Communications, Marine Policy, Environmental Science, Environmental Management, Marine Science, or other relevant fields that pertain to the objectives and activities under NOPP.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Very strong organizational and time-management skills.
- Strong skills in social media, specifically Facebook, Twitter, and WordPress.
- Ability to multi-task and prioritize efficiently and effectively.
- Problems solving and research skills.
- Ability to work both independently and as part of a close-knit team.
- Work as part of a team to identify program tasks to be integrated into office work-flow plan.
- Must be a US citizen.

### **Additional Details:**

The successful applicant will have a solid understanding of current issues in marine systems sciences and knowledge of environmental management issues and trends, as well as a solid grasp on ocean science and technology and developments. This program is meant to provide the successful applicant with exposure to marine policy development and the Federal ocean governance structure and its activities towards achieving National science and technology research goals. Tasks range from website development to supporting NOPP working groups, to monitoring legislative developments in ocean-related policy, to representing the NOPP at meetings. Interest in Federal ocean governance structure and its activities in Federal ocean science research efforts and policy development is a must. Enthusiasm for resourceful and team-oriented multi-tasking and the ability to coordinate and track a wide variety of activities is absolutely essential.

### **To Apply:**

To apply, please email a PDF packet that includes a cover letter, resume or CV, a 2-page writing sample, two references, and a list of applicable course work to Dr. Barbara Bischof, Program Manager at [info@nopp.org](mailto:info@nopp.org). Please specify "NOPP Fellow – <Your Last Name>" in the subject line.