



Early-Career Research Fellowship

Education Research Track

Application Opens: July 13, 2022

Application Closes: August 24, 2022

Education Research Track

For the 2022-2024 Application Cycle, the Education Research track goal focuses on contributing to the advancement of K-12 educational equity related to science and environmental literacy in the Gulf of Mexico region or Alaska by considering the recent impact of disasters on educational opportunities for students in vulnerable communities.

Term Dates: January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

ECRF Tracks

The Early-Career Research Fellowship is split into four tracks that align with the Gulf Research Program's priority areas. The application cycle for each track is spread over the better part of one year.

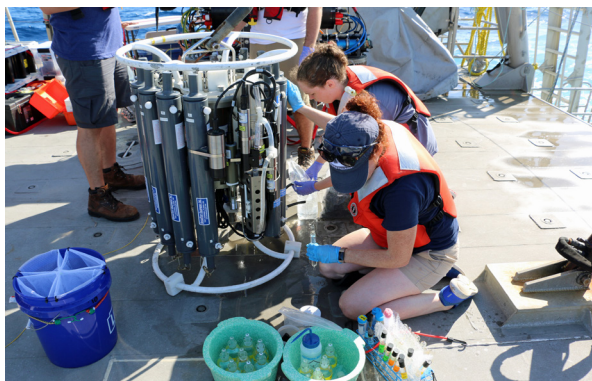
The tracks include:

- Human Health and Community Resilience
- Environmental Protection and Stewardship
- Offshore Energy Safety
- Education Research

Fellowship Benefits

An award of \$76,000 is paid to each fellow's institution in the form of a two-year grant. Funds cannot be used on institutional overhead or indirect charges.

- **Research funding:** \$75,000 is available for the fellow to use for research-related expenses, including equipment purchases, professional travel, professional development courses, trainee support, salary, or any other costs directly related to the fellow's research.
- **Mentor honorarium:** The remaining \$1,000 of the award serves as an honorarium for a mentor. Applicants must identify a senior-level researcher at their affiliated institution willing to serve as a career mentor.
- **Additional funding:** Fellows may be required to attend other events/conferences during their fellowship term, which may include a fellows and/or alumni networking event. Travel expenses for these events will be covered by the Gulf Research Program; they are in addition to the \$76,000 fellowship award.



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About the Early-Career Research Fellowship

The Gulf Research Program's Early-Career Research Fellowship supports emerging scientific leaders as they take risks on research ideas not yet tested, pursue unique collaborations, and build a network of colleagues who share their interest in improving offshore energy system safety and the well-being of coastal communities and ecosystems. Because the early years of a researcher's career are a critical time, the relatively unrestricted funds and mentoring this fellowship provides help recipients navigate this period with independence, flexibility, and a built-in support network.

Eligibility

- Hold a permanent, fully independent position as an investigator, faculty member, clinician scientist, or scientific team lead in industry, academia, or a research organization. A postdoc is not considered a fully independent position.
- Be an early-career scientist who has received their eligible degree within the past 10 years (on or after September 1, 2012).
- Hold a doctoral degree (e.g., PhD, ScD, EngD, MD, DrPH) in the social and behavioral sciences, health sciences and medicine, engineering and physical sciences, earth and life sciences, or interdisciplinary scientific fields relevant to the charge of the Gulf Research Program.
- Be affiliated with a non-federal U.S. institution that has a valid tax ID number.
- Not be currently employed by the U.S. federal government.

About the Gulf Research Program

The Gulf Research Program (GRP) is one of seven major divisions of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. The GRP's mission is to develop, translate, and apply science, engineering, and medical knowledge to enhance offshore energy safety, environmental protection and stewardship, and human health and community resilience in the Gulf region in ways that empower its citizens. It supports innovative science, guides data design and monitoring, and builds and sustains networks that transform results to action.



Upcoming Dates:

Offshore Energy Safety

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*"The biggest advantage [of having relatively unrestricted funds] for me has been the ability to pursue new ideas and go in new research directions, without the long delay typically associated with grant funding."
– Zack Darnell, ECRF 2015*



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