

2019 Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Professional Development Program

A Professional Development Opportunity at the University of Florida

“Building Capacity through Scientific Exchange”

2019 Training Program

We are pleased to offer Caribbean-based fisheries professionals a training opportunity at the University of Florida, USA oriented towards “Facilitating Resiliency in Fisheries and Associated Ecosystems.” The successful candidate will be hosted by Florida Sea Grant (www.flseagrant.org). The four-month training will focus on one of the following four topics: (1) fisheries governance and policy, (2) community-based fisheries co-management, (3) data collection and analysis methods or (4) learning GIS.

This program is not open to students.

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) for living expenses. Round trip airfare for the successful candidate also is included. We will help the candidate acquire a visa and mandatory health insurance coverage (about \$500 US).

Important Dates

Application opens: March 11, 2019

Application deadline: April 22, 2019

Award notification: May 6, 2019

Program starts: August 14, 2019

Program ends: December 15, 2019

The successful candidate will be matched with Florida Sea Grant-affiliated faculty whose expertise aligns with their professional interests and area of training focus selected. The candidate will apply knowledge gained to advance an

ongoing or proposed project of their choosing that is related to a need identified by their resource management ministry or government agency. At the conclusion of the four-month training the selected candidate will report progress made towards fulfilling their project at a University of Florida fisheries and aquatic sciences seminar.

Award Requirements

Applicants must be employed by a fisheries resource management NGO, 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 Colombia, 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 opportunity is not open to persons residing in the continental United States.

Program Sponsors

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

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



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 specify the training topic of interest and skills you would like to gain. 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. (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.

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. 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 22, 2019.

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%

