



**National Sea Grant Law Center
Request for Proposals**

***Sea Grant Law and Policy Journal*
2015-2016 Symposium Series Competition**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The National Sea Grant Law Center is accepting applications from Sea Grant College Programs to organize and host symposiums addressing coastal, ocean, and Great Lakes law and policy issues. Proceedings from the symposiums will be published by the National Sea Grant Law Center in the *Sea Grant Law and Policy Journal* through the *Journal's* 2016 publication cycle. Funding is limited to \$10,000 per symposium and the Law Center anticipates selecting 2-3 proposals for funding. **Applications must be received by 5 p.m. Central Time on Wednesday, July 15, 2015.**

BACKGROUND

The National Sea Grant College Program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration established the National Sea Grant Law Center at The University of Mississippi School of Law in 2002 to coordinate and enhance Sea Grant's activities in legal scholarship and outreach related to coastal and ocean law issues. The NSGLC:

- Provides non-advocacy legal research, education, and outreach services to the 32 individual Sea Grant College programs across the nation;
- Enhances the ocean and coastal law curriculum at The University of Mississippi School of Law and other law schools throughout the country; and
- As funding permits, runs grant competitions to provide incentives for Sea Grant programs to build capacity to address legal issues in their states.

In 2008, the NSGLC re-launched the *Sea Grant Law and Policy Journal*, previously published by the State University of New York at Buffalo from 1976-1980. The *Sea Grant Law and Policy Journal* is an Open Access online journal that provides a forum for the timely discussion and exploration of legal topics of relevance to the Sea Grant network of extension agents, researchers, coastal managers and users, and local decision-makers. The Journal features concise, 30 – 35 page, articles on a range of law and policy subjects including fisheries, coastal development, coastal access, invasive species, and pollution. Unlike traditional law reviews, the *Journal* highlights more applied research and case studies.

For more information on the *Sea Grant Law and Policy Journal* and previous symposiums funded by the NSGLC, see: <http://nsglc.olemiss.edu/sglpj/index.html>.

FULL ANNOUNCEMENT

The National Sea Grant Law Center is accepting applications from Sea Grant Programs to organize and host symposiums addressing coastal, ocean, and Great Lakes law and policy issues.

Eligibility:

The following entities are eligible to apply to this funding opportunity:

- Sea Grant College Programs;
- Sea Grant Institutional Programs;
- The Guam Sea Grant Project; and
- The Lake Champlain Sea Grant Project.

To be considered for funding, Sea Grant programs must formally partner with a law school within their state and/or region. A letter of commitment from the law school partner must be attached to the application package.

Articles Requirement:

To be eligible for funding, Symposiums must result in the production of high quality proceedings (a minimum of six articles). Symposium proceedings will be published in an upcoming issue of the *Sea Grant Law and Policy Journal*.

- While interdisciplinary symposiums are encouraged, the proposed symposium must be designed to produce at least six scholarly articles written by law or policy professionals, i.e. practicing attorneys, policy analysts, or professors, in adherence with relevant academic standards and the *Journal's* publication guidelines available at <http://nsglc.olemiss.edu/SGLPJ/guidelines.htm>.
- Additional articles, such as introductory essays, “state of the science” summaries, and case studies, may also be included in the final proceedings.
- Student-authored articles will also be considered if the students are provided the opportunity to present their work at the Symposium.

Funding:

Funding is limited to \$10,000 per symposium and the NSGLC anticipates selecting 2-3 proposals for funding. The NSGLC will consider applications involving multiple Sea Grant programs; however, funding is limited to \$10,000 per symposium regardless of the number of project partners.

- The funding mechanism (i.e., grant, cost reimbursement) chosen will be determined following selection of proposals based on university policies and Symposium design.

Memorandum of Understanding:

For each Symposium, the selected Sea Grant program will be asked to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with The University of Mississippi. The MOU will outline the specific details of Symposium roles and responsibilities, including the funding mechanism, Symposium planning, article solicitation, peer review, and publication.

Applications:

Applications are limited to **five pages**, and should be submitted in letter format (PDF) to Catherine Janasie, National Sea Grant Law Center Research Counsel and Editor of the *Sea Grant Law & Policy Journal*, electronically at cjanasie@olemiss.edu. **Applications must be received by 5 p.m. Central Time on Wednesday July 15, 2015.**

Applicants must address the following topics in their application:

1. **Rationale and Societal Benefits.** The *Sea Grant Law and Policy Journal* provides a forum for the timely discussion and exploration of legal topics of relevance to the Sea Grant network of extension agents, researchers, coastal managers and users, and local decision-makers. Applicants should clearly identify:
 - a. The proposed symposium topic;
 - b. How the proceedings resulting from the proposed symposium would fill an identified gap in the law and policy literature related to management of U.S. coastal, ocean, and Great Lakes resources;
 - c. How the proposed symposium will develop or enhance the relationship between the Sea Grant program and its law school partner(s); and
 - d. The proposed symposium's relevance to one or more of the following Sea Grant thematic areas: Healthy Coastal Ecosystems, Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture, Resilient Communities and Economies, and Environmental Literacy and Workforce Development.
2. **Approach.** Applicants must clearly describe how the symposium will be organized, advertised, and carried out; the method for identification and selection of speakers and securing articles; and the roles, responsibilities, and expertise of project partners. Applicants will be responsible for all logistics associated with the symposium, securing articles from symposium speakers and/or participants, and working with SGLPJ to shepherd individual articles through the peer review and editing process. In addition, the Editor of the SGLPJ must serve on the Symposium planning committee.
3. **Budget.** A Budget and a Budget Justification are required. The Budget Justification should explain and defend major expenditures in sufficient detail to enable reviewers to evaluate the appropriateness of the funding requested. Please pay special attention to any travel, supply, or equipment budgets and provide details.
4. **Anticipated Date.** The National Sea Grant Law Center anticipates selecting 2-3 applications for funding through the *Sea Grant Law and Policy Journal's* 2016 publication cycle. Initial priority will be placed on selecting a symposium to be held around September/October 2015 with proceedings published in the Winter 2016 *Journal* issue. Applications for symposiums producing proceedings for the Spring 2016 and Fall 2016 will also be considered during this competition.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Applications will be reviewed internally by the staff of the National Sea Grant Law Center and externally by the *Sea Grant Law and Policy Journal* Editorial Board. The NSGLC anticipates completing the review and selection process within a few weeks of the application deadline (July 31, 2015).

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Rationale and Societal Benefit (25%)
 - The degree to which the symposium will address an important ocean, coastal, or Great Lakes law or policy issue;
 - Likelihood that the symposium will contribute to improved understanding of ocean, coastal, or marine law or policy and fill a gap in the law and policy literature;
 - Relevance to Sea Grant focus area.
2. Professional Merit of Proposed Project (50%)
 - Qualifications of the PI and institutions;
 - Practical soundness of the proposed approach;
 - Likelihood of success;
 - Adequacy and reasonableness of the budget and personnel.
3. Enhancement of Sea Grant Legal Capacity (25%)
 - Degree to which proposal develops or enhances relationships between state Sea Grant program and law school partner;
 - Degree to which symposium has the potential to improve the Sea Grant Program's ability to address law and policy issues within their respective state;
 - The level of involvement of law school partner;
 - Opportunities for law student and/or other graduate student involvement.

DEADLINE AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Applications must be received by **5 p.m. Central Time on Wednesday, July 15, 2015**. Full proposals should be submitted in PDF format via email to **Catherine Janasie** at cjanasie@olemiss.edu.

General questions about the grant competition and the scope of projects considered should be directed to Catherine Janasie, Research Counsel at the National Sea Grant Law Center, via email, cjanasie@olemiss.edu, or phone, (662) 915-7775.