



Society for Freshwater Science

CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

2021 Cal-SFS Fellowship Program

Cal-SFS is now accepting applications to their first-ever Cal-SFS Fellowship Program! We are looking for students and early career freshwater scientists to serve as Cal-SFS Fellows for the next year (March 2021 – March 2022). This Fellowship Program is meant to foster and support the next generation of Cal-SFS members and satisfies several of the Society of Freshwater Science Long Range Planning Committee values and goals, including the promotion and development of students and early career freshwater scientists and practitioners through specific programs and actions. Cal-SFS Fellows will receive many benefits, and the chapter will benefit greatly from investment in the Fellowship program. Please share this notice widely with anyone you think would be interested in applying. We hope that you, or someone you know, will consider applying to the 2021 Cal-SFS Fellowship Program today!

Applications are due February 10th, 2021

What do fellows receive?

- Recognition as a 2021 Cal-SFS Fellow
- Mentor opportunity with someone from the California Water Boards of similar research interests or career goals
 - Cal-SFS and California Water Board staff will facilitate this opportunity
 - The goal of this is to provide Fellows with an opportunity to network and connect with those working in the freshwater field at the state level
- Financial assistance where needed. This could include one or more of the following:
 - SFS and Chapter Membership or renewal for 2021
 - SFS Annual Meeting registration
 - Research tools or software financial support
 - Publication support
 - Workshop enrollment to further career or research skills
- Travel assistance to participate in meetings, career development, training, or workshops
 - *This item may not apply to 2021 due to COVID-19 travel and social-distance restrictions*

What are fellows required to do during their tenure?

- Participate in the SFS Annual Meeting (Virtual in May 2021- Abstracts due February 15, 2021)
 - Present a talk or poster
 - Participate in Workshop or other activity
 - Attend Cal-SFS meeting activities or sessions
- Coordinate a Cal-SFS session at the [2021 California Water Data Science Symposium](#) (Virtual, Jun. 29-30, 2021) with other 2021 Fellows
 - The session will be developed by all 2021 Fellows with the support of Cal-SFS leadership and the Symposium Planning Team at the Water Boards
 - The session can spotlight individual research or projects
 - The session must include a short review of Fellow experiences from attending or presenting at the 2021 SFS Annual Meeting
- Present a talk, poster, and/or lightning talk at the annual [California Aquatic Bioassessment Workgroup \(CABW\) / Cal-SFS Meeting](#) (Oct 12-13, 2021)
 - Presentation can be substituted with assistance in planning or participation in a concurrent workshop
- Submit written contribution to the 2021-2022 winter newsletter (Drafted in Nov. 2022)
- Contribute and post to Cal-SFS social media as appropriate
- Participate in Cal-SFS membership or business meetings during the Fellowship

Who is eligible to be a fellow?

- Students currently enrolled in an undergraduate, masters, or doctoral program
 - Student applicant must be enrolled in a water-related academic program that:
 - Is at an institution physically located within the state of California, or
 - Involves aquatic systems located in California but the institution itself is not located in California, or
 - Enables the student to conduct research outside of California while residing in California and the student is or has been active in Cal-SFS in the last 5 years
- Early Career or Postdoctoral applicants will be considered eligible if:
 - They are currently within 10 years of graduation from their terminal degree
 - If their place of employment or research is physically located within the state of California
 - They are working in policy, management, application, or research and development of aquatic systems located in California
- Prior SFS membership is not required, however every Fellow will be required to become a SFS and Cal-SFS member (either through their own funds, or established as financial need through the fellowship financial benefit)

How do I apply?

Application deadline: February 10, 2021

- Send a completed application to Cal-SFS by the application deadline via email to:
 - Cal-SFS at cal.chap.sfs@gmail.com
 - Subject line: "Cal-SFS Fellowship Application – Your FULL NAME"
 - Attach the completed application (details below) as a PDF file named as follows:
LastName_FirstName_CalSFS_Fellowship_App.pdf.
- Completed applications must be submitted as a PDF, be 1-2 pages in length, use 12 pt. font and 1-inch margins, and contain the following information:
 - First and Last Name, Preferred Pronouns
 - For student applicants:
 - Name of Institution
 - Degree Program
 - Degree Sought (e.g. BS, MS, PhD)
 - For early career or postdoctoral applicants:
 - Name of Employer
 - Brief work or research description
 - Years since terminal degree
 - List research / career interests in 4-7 keywords or phrases
 - Short statement that emphasizes your education, vocation, or career goals and how a Cal-SFS fellowship will help you achieve those goals (1,000 words)
 - Short statement (1-2 sentences) describing the applicant's intended involvement in the Annual SFS Meeting (May 2021) given that program details may not be provided by the time this application is due. For example:
 - Do you intend to present via an oral presentation? A poster?
 - Is there a workshop you plan to attend?

Who do I contact for more information?

- Cal-SFS Chapter President / Chair, Angela De Palma-Dow (she/her/hers) via email at: Adepalmadow@gmail.com

Some Useful Resources

- Cal-SFS website with this application: <https://cal-sfs.github.io/2020-CABW-SFS/index.html>
- The SFS Strategic Plan vision, values, and goals: <https://freshwater-science.org/strategic-plan>
- The SFS Early Career Committee: <https://freshwater-science.org/my-sfs/early-career>
- SFS Students Resource Committee: <https://freshwater-science.org/my-sfs/students>
- Cal-SFS Mission Statement and Newsletters Archive: <https://freshwater-science.org/my-sfs/chapters/california>

To Recap!

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