2022 Cal-SFS Fellowship Program

Cal-SFS is now accepting applications to second year of their Cal-SFS Fellowship Program! We are looking for students and early career freshwater scientists to serve as Cal-SFS Fellows from March 2022 – March 2023. 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 20th, 2022

What do Cal-SFS Fellows receive?

- Recognition as a 2022 Cal-SFS Fellow
- Mentor opportunity with California Water Boards Staff of similar research interests or career goals
    - 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 (**up to $800 stipend**). This could include one or more of the following:
    - SFS and Chapter Membership or renewal for 2022
    - SFS / Joint Aquatic Sciences Meeting (JASM) 2022 Annual Meeting registration
    - Research tools, equipment, or software financial support
    - Publication fee support
    - Workshop / training enrollment fees to further career or research skills
- Travel assistance to participate in meetings, career development, training, or workshops
    - *This item may not apply to 2022 due to COVID-19 travel and social-distance restrictions*

What are the Cal-SFS Fellow expectations?

- Participate in the SFS / JASM Meeting (Hybrid Meeting in May 2022 - Abstracts due January 21, 2022)
    - Present a talk or poster, or
    - Participate in Workshop or other activity, and
    - Attend Cal-SFS meeting activities or sessions
- Attend the free 2022 California Water Data Science Symposium (Late June/Early July, 2022)

- Present a talk, poster, and/or lightning talk at the annual [California Aquatic Bioassessment Workgroup (CABW) / Cal-SFS Meeting](#) (Oct 11-12, 2022)
  - Presentation can be substituted with assistance in planning or participation in a concurrent workshop
- Submit written contribution to the 2022-2023 winter newsletter (Drafted in Nov/Dec 2022)
- Collaborate with other Fellows to develop a special project to improve and enhance Cal-SFS and further the Chapter's mission. This project can be initiated and/or completed using Long-Range Committee funds of $800.
- Contribute and post to Cal-SFS social media as appropriate
- Participate in Cal-SFS membership or business meetings during the Fellowship period

Who is eligible to be a Cal-SFS Fellow?

- Students currently enrolled in an undergraduate, masters, or doctoral 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, or
  - Their place of employment or research is physically located within the state of California, or
  - 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

How do I apply?

Application Deadline: February 20, 2022

- 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 <u>how a Cal-SFS Fellowship will help you achieve those goals</u> (limit 1,000 words)
- Short statement (1-2 sentences) describing the applicant's intended involvement in the Annual SFS Meeting (May 2022) 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
SFS Strategic Plan vision, values, and goals
SFS Early Career Committee
SFS Students Resource Committee
Cal-SFS Mission Statement and Newsletters Archive

To Recap!

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using the subject line: "Cal-SFS Fellowship Application – Your FULL NAME"

Good Luck!