



POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS

2026-2027

Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

Scholarships are available to new or recent doctoral graduates from all fields of ocean sciences and engineering. We also plan to award scholarships to individuals whose academic record and stated interests demonstrate the potential to build institutional momentum in research areas in data and computational sciences, defense-adjacent fields of ocean science and engineering, and with connections to potentially commercializable applications. Finally, **The National Ocean Sciences Accelerator Mass Spectrometry Facility (NOSAMS)** will award a fellowship in radiocarbon research and/or the development or improvement of analytical techniques or instrumentation.

Departments - Criteria for awards include demonstrated research independence, productivity and novelty, and contributions to institutional research areas. Recipients will pursue their own research interests, mentored by resident staff. Applicants should identify and contact members of the Scientific and Senior Research Staff within one or more of our scientific departments, who share similar research ideas and are willing to serve as mentors:

- **Applied Ocean Physics & Engineering**
- **Biology**
- **Marine Chemistry & Geochemistry**
- **Geology & Geophysics**
- **Physical Oceanography**
- **Environmental Economics & Marine Policy**

PROGRAM	These awards carry special recognition at the Institution. Recipients are encouraged to pursue their own research interests, mentored by a member of the resident staff, to advance their research career. Each awardee is provided with office and laboratory space near an appropriate member of the resident staff who acts as sponsor and general advisor throughout the award period.
ELIGIBILITY	New or recent (within three years or less) recipients of a doctoral degree with interests in the oceanographic sciences or engineering are eligible.
STIPEND	Scholarships are awarded for 18-month appointments. Successful applicants will receive a stipend of at least \$71,000 per year, relocation and health and welfare allowances, as well as a modest research budget.
APPLICATION	Completed applications will be accepted up to December 1, 2025 , for consideration for Postdoctoral Scholar Awards for 2026-2027. In addition to the application form, the following are required: a current CV or resume; a minimum of three non-WHOI recommendations; a brief plain-language summary of your research experience to date, with emphasis on your PhD training; and a statement that addresses your research interests you wish to pursue at WHOI. Announcement of awards will be made in February.
TENURE	Recipients of awards can initiate their study and research period at the Institution any time after March 1, 2026 and before December 1, 2026 .

Further information and application forms may be obtained through the Academic Programs section of the WHOI web pages at: <https://go.whoi.edu/pdscholarship>