



POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS 2027-2028

Scholarships are available to new or recent doctoral graduates from all fields of ocean sciences, ocean engineering, and marine policy. Criteria for awards include demonstrated research independence, productivity and novelty, and contributions to institutional research areas. Recipients will pursue their own research, mentored by resident staff. Applicants should identify and contact members of the Scientific Staff who share similar research interests and are willing to serve as mentors.

Research Disciplines - Scholars will have an appointment in one of the following:

- Applied Ocean Physics & Engineering Department
- Biology Department
- Marine Chemistry & Geochemistry Department
- Geology & Geophysics Department
- Physical Oceanography Department
- Marine Policy Center

Additional awards may be available to support appointments in cross-cutting topics that are aligned with WHOI's Campaign for Our Ocean that grow scholarly expertise in emerging areas of institutional strength. These areas may include Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning, Coral Reefs, Defense-related Science and Technology, Ocean Carbon Cycling, and Underwater Acoustics.

PROGRAM These awards carry special recognition at the Institution as recipients may pursue their own research interests. Each awardee is provided with office and laboratory space and mentored by members of the scientific staff and the Academic Programs Office to advance their career.

ELIGIBILITY New or recent (within three years or less) recipients of a doctoral degree with interests in the ocean sciences, ocean engineering, and marine policy are eligible.

STIPEND Scholarships are awarded for 18-month appointments. Successful applicants will receive a stipend of at least **\$73,000** per year, relocation and health and welfare allowances, as well as an independent research budget.

APPLICATION Completed applications will be accepted up to **October 15, 2026**, for consideration for Postdoctoral Scholar Awards for 2027-2028. 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. Awards will be announced in December 2026.

TENURE Recipients of awards can initiate their study and research period at the Institution any time after **January 1, 2027** and before **October 1, 2027**.

Further information and application forms are available on the Academic Programs section of the WHOI website at: <https://go.whoi.edu/pdscholarship>