



SAPELO ISLAND
National Estuarine Research Reserve

Funding Opportunities

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NERRS Science Collaborative

Emphasize applied research or applications, with clear connection to Reserve's management and knowledge transfer needs.

Fall into NERRS Priority Areas:

- Community Resilience and Adaptability
- Habitat Adaptability
- Watershed Dynamics
- Change Analysis



Types of Funding (RFP expected in November or December)

- ❖ Collaborative Research (2-3 years): Has been up to \$600,000
- ❖ Catalyst Grants (1 year): Variable amounts. For pilot projects, or planning efforts to be applied to future Collaborative Research opportunities
- ❖ Transfer Grants (1 year): Variable amounts. For knowledge transfer.



Who can apply

Reserves, non-profit organizations, private, and for-profit organizations are all eligible recipients for Science Collaborative funding. **However, non-Reserve parties must work in partnership with one or more reserves and meet all requirements described by the RFP.**

Reserve staff MUST be contacted in order to develop a proposal well in advance of application deadlines.

Margaret A. Davidson Fellowship



- ❖ Two-year fellowship program for graduate students to conduct collaborative research at one of the national estuarine research reserves.
- ❖ Through a research project, fellows address a key **reserve management need**.
- ❖ Up to **\$45,000 per year of research**
(pending congressional funding)
- ❖ Next call for applications: **Fall 2025**



<https://coast.noaa.gov/nerrs/research/davidson-fellowship.html>

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Who can apply

Citizens or permanent residents of U.S. states or territories admitted to or enrolled in a **full-time graduate program** at a U.S. accredited college or university, working to obtain a master's or doctoral degree.

Applicants must plan to be **enrolled for all of the first year, and the majority of the second year, of funding.**