

Knauss Fellowship

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Do I need to submit my letter of endorsement before the application deadline on Feb 21st?**
 - By endorsement letter, I assume you are referring to the signed letter of recommendation from the Michigan Sea Grant Director. That is the only part of the application package that does not need to be submitted by 02/21. After we review your application and see whether or not you meet the baseline qualifications, we would invite you into our office for an interview. After the interview, we determine whether or not we will endorse your application to the National Sea Grant Office. If we decide to endorse, we will then complete that letter on your behalf. Please keep in mind that while the endorsement from MISG is not required by 02/21, the two other letters of recommendation from your professor(s) and/or faculty members are required to be submitted by that date.
- **How specific should the plans be? I am about to graduate soon and is looking for employment now, so there is a lot of uncertainty there.**
 - You would likely want to outline when your graduation is and what your degree will be. If you are involved in a capstone/final project or are taking classes this semester, you can also briefly mention/describe those. You can absolutely detail whether you are looking for additional fellowship or career opportunities, and it might be beneficial to provide some information on what kind of field of work you are looking into, what sector, etc. This should be a relatively brief plan, and typically candidates submit a plan that is about a half page.
- **For the transcripts, do I just need my grad school transcripts? Or also from undergrad?**
 - The National Sea Grant Office requires official copies of both undergraduate and graduate transcripts. If electronic delivery of transcripts is available, you can send them to msgfellowships@umich.edu. Otherwise, please mail transcripts to the MISG office (Michigan Sea Grant, 520 E. Liberty St., Suite 310, Ann Arbor, MI 48104-2210).
- **I recently completed a Master's degree in science and technology policy at Arizona State University, but am still a resident of the state of Michigan and I was curious if I should apply through Michigan or through the national office.**
 - All applications for the Knauss Fellowship have to be submitted to the national office by a state Sea Grant program - there is no opportunity to submit an application directly to the national office. If you currently live in Arizona, you would apply through either the [USC Sea Grant Program](#) or the [California Sea Grant Program](#), as they are the closest state program to Arizona. We recommend contacting them with any questions you have about this fellowship.