



## DEI Research Fellowship Overview

### Description

The DEI Fellowship offers a graduate student the opportunity to complete a research project at a world-class marine research facility. The DEI Fellow proposes a marine science research project of their own choice, and spends the summer conducting their research at DEI. Although the quality of the research depends on the effort expended by the student, a highly motivated Fellow could reasonably expect to produce results which are worthy of publication in a peer reviewed journal.

- Duration and Location
  - The DEI Fellowship is a 13-week residential experience at the [Downeast Institute \(DEI\) in Beals, Maine](#).
  - In 2022, the Fellowship period begins on May 15<sup>th</sup> and ends on August 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - The DEI Fellow is expected to spend the entire 13-week period at DEI. Proposals to conduct research remotely or at other research locations will not be accepted.
- Stipend
  - The DEI Fellow receives a stipend for \$8,650 for the 13-week period.
  - The stipend is paid as follows:
    - 1/3 upon submission of the completed research proposal to DEI (due May 1).
    - 1/3 upon submission of the midterm report to DEI (due July 15).
    - 1/3 upon submission of the final report to DEI (due September 1).
- Housing
  - The DEI Fellow stays in Evelyn Hall, DEI's [on-campus dorm](#).
  - The DEI Fellow is awarded a private dorm room with two beds.
  - The cost of this room (\$1350) is paid for as part of the fellowship.
  - Significant others are welcome to visit or stay for the summer.
- Research Expenses
  - The DEI Fellow receives an allowance of \$1500 to cover expenses associated with conducting their research.
  - Research expenses must be included in the Research Proposal and must be approved by DEI. Research Expenses are administered by Downeast Institute.
  - The DEI Team will purchase the research supplies and equipment specified in your proposal for you.

- Durable items and unused consumables purchased with these funds remain the property of DEI at the end of the Fellowship.
- Eligibility
  - The DEI Fellow must be enrolled in a graduate program (M.S. or PhD) at an accredited university.
  - The DEI Fellow must have a faculty advisor to guide them as they prepare their proposals and conduct their research. The advisor's commitment includes:
    - Committing one hour per week to advising the DEI Fellow. This commitment begins on April 1<sup>st</sup> and continues through August 31<sup>st</sup>.
    - Spending at least one day at DEI to review their student's work, participate in their student's presentation of results, tour DEI, and discuss their research with DEI scientists.
    - In return for this commitment, advisors receive a \$1,500 stipend and a \$500 travel allowance as part of the Fellowship grant.
    - The faculty advisor's role is important to the success of the Fellowship. Please ensure your advisor has received a copy of the Fellowship Overview and agrees to the commitments listed here.
- Mentoring
  - The DEI Fellow has access to and is mentored by DEI's scientists and subject matter experts during the Fellowship.
  - When the Fellow requires assistance, DEI Team members are committed to making themselves available in a timely manner.