What do we support?

The MBGP is eager to support research and educational projects related to marine biology. We are open to a wide variety of proposals and if you have any doubts about the appropriateness of your ideas, contact the Director(s) (Jenn Dijkstra and Nathan Furey). We will accept proposals from graduate students and faculty requesting funds that would be of benefit to the Marine Biology Graduate Program and its graduate students, with priority given to graduate students. If proposing to use either the Judd Gregg Marine Complex or the Jackson Estuarine Laboratory, please email Nate Rennels (Nate.Rennels@unh.edu) or Dave Shay (David.Shay@unh.edu) to ensure there is sufficient space for your study. Budget items appropriate for this request include up to $1,500 in graduate student summer salary, research services (boat expenses, equipment rental, etc.) and expendable supplies. Summer support will go to students with the greatest need. Priority will be given to students and/or faculty who have not received funds from this program in the past 12 months.

What don’t we support

1. Request for funds for travel to meetings should be submitted directly to the SMSOE.
2. Expensive items of equipment (> $5,000).

How much money is available?

For the Spring 2021 competition, we have up to $20,000 to distribute. Typical amounts range from $1,000 - $5,000, with a cap of $5,000. All funds received must be spent within one year after the account is established. Thus, funds awarded this spring must be spent by June 1, 2022.

When are proposals due?

The spring deadline this year is March 8, 2021 with funds to be distributed by May 1 2021. Please let your graduate students know about this competition. We will fund both students and faculty members. Priority will be given to proposals that: 1) Enhance the Marine Biology Graduate Option in some manner; 2) Will improve the ability of graduate students to obtain funding from other sources, for example by collecting preliminary data or match and/or; 3) Make it possible for a graduate student to initiate or complete an important piece of research.

Proposal format

We encourage applications that support research activities related to marine biology. Please use a traditional format which includes Background/Introduction, Rationale, Objectives, and Methods sections. You should include the hypotheses you are testing in your proposal as well, and indicate how the results of your study will address your hypotheses.

Proposals should be short (<5 pages). A cover sheet is also available to help with processing the request and it outlines the information you need to supply with your proposal. A copy is attached. Finally, make sure to include a detailed budget AND a Budget Justification. You are also required to submit a letter from your advisor that provides information on whether your research is part of an existing grant, if you are supported on a RA, and if including summer support, the level of summer support you receive from the grant or other sources.

Proposals may be submitted electronically to marine.information@unh.edu, or in person to the School of Marine Science and Ocean Engineering, Morse Hall, Room 113, Durham, NH 03824. Questions should be addressed to the MBGPF chairs, Jenn Dijkstra (jennifer.dijkstra@unh.edu), and Nathan Furey (nathan.furey@unh.edu)
Successful Proposals

If your proposal is successful, you will be required to submit a brief report describes how the funds you received were used and what those funds have allowed you to accomplish. You will also be required to present a poster or a talk at the School of Marine Science and Ocean Engineering Graduate Symposium.

Reports will be due June 1, 2022 and should be sent to Jenn Dijkstra (jennifer.dijkstra@unh.edu) and Nathan Furey (nathan.furey@unh.edu).

Reports should consist of one or two paragraphs that briefly describe (1) your project goals or aims, (2) what specifically you have used funds for thus far, (3) how these funds have helped you in your research and (4) Please provide a photo or two (jpg or tiff) of your work than can be used could help highlight the importance of these funds to your research. Please note that by sending the photo, you are agreeing to its use in reporting materials (please tell us whom should receive credit for taking the photo).
Marine Biology Graduate Program Proposal Cover Sheet

Name:

Title of Proposal:

Amount Requested:

Match (what will you, or your advisor, contribute?):

Include a Letter of Recommendation from a Marine Biology Graduate Faculty Member if you are a graduate student

Include a letter from your advisor that provides information on whether your research is part of an existing grant, if you are supported on a RA, and the level of summer support you receive from the grant or other sources.

Include a Vitae or CV or Resume

Have you received previous funding from us? Yes No
   If yes, below list year, titles and amounts.
   Also, please provide a summary of your findings with your proposal.

Are there any additional sources of funding to support this research? Yes No
   If yes, please list below.

Have you submitted any other grants to help support this research? Yes No
   If yes, please list below.

Do you plan to use boats, a lab or a SMSOE facility? Yes No
   If yes, please elaborate.