Division of Ocean Sciences:  
Postdoctoral Research Fellowships and Research Initiation Grants

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Purpose: The OCE fellowship program is intended to recognize beginning investigators of significant potential, and provide them with experience that will establish them in positions of leadership in the scientific community.

Intellectual Merit:
Competitive research that fits within the purview of core OCE programs

Broader Impacts:
- Track 1: Broadening Participation
- For Track 2: International

Support:
- Up to 24 FTE months
- $62K/yr stipend
- $25K/yr expenses & benefits
- Up to $10K/yr for international

Eligibility:
- US citizen, national, or permanent resident
- Have or will receive PhD by start of fellowship
- Not have worked more than 24 FTE months in positions requiring PhD
- Research within OCE purview
NSF Ocean Sciences Research Initiation Grants NSF 13-606

**Purpose:** Provide start up funding for researchers who have been recently appointed to tenure track (or equivalent) positions, with the twin goals of enhancing their research careers and broadening the participation of under-represented groups in ocean sciences.

**Intellectual Merit:**
- Competitive research that fits within the purview of core OCE programs

**Support:**
- 12-24 months grant period
- $100K total (direct + indirect)
- No PI or other senior salary

**Eligibility:**
- Be US citizen, national, or permanent resident
- Have accepted or be in tenure track Assistant Professor or equivalent position, and have been in position no more than 3 FTE years
- Have not received salary support as PI/co-PI on new federal research grant since starting position
- Research within OCE purview

**Broader Impacts:**
- Broadening Participation
## Comparing PRF and RIG

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Common Mistakes for PRF

- Topic not included in OCE funding priorities!
  - Fisheries
  - Pollution
  - Medical
- Include a hypothesis or questions
- Don’t include personal data – SS#’s, etc.
- Meet Target Date for submission
East Asian and Pacific Summer Internships (EAPSI)

- Provides stipend, travel and expenses for 8 to 10 week internship in seven countries
- Australia, China, New Zealand, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Taiwan
- 5 page application plus 2 page CV
- $5,000 Stipend
- Host country provides in-country expenses and access to facilities
Questions?

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