

NICKERSON CONSERVATION FELLOWSHIP



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SEASHORE**

The Joshua A. Nickerson Conservation Fellowship provides support to self-directed qualified individuals whose work will contribute to our knowledge of natural and cultural resources within Cape Cod National Seashore, and the relationships of these resources with the local communities in which they are found. The fellowship is funded by the Friends of Cape Cod National Seashore.

Proposals will be accepted for research in the broad areas of the natural and social sciences. Topics of interest include terrestrial and aquatic ecosystem processes, biotic and abiotic ecosystem components, cultural and natural resource management, and the political and social implications of resource protection and management.

The Nickerson Conservation Fellowship is administered by the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission with funds from the Friends of Cape Cod National Seashore.

Joshua A. Nickerson Conservation Fellowship 2015 Request for Proposals

The Nickerson Conservation Fellowship Committee is currently soliciting proposals for the Nickerson Conservation Fellowship award. Proposals should briefly outline the objectives of the study, and include methods and budget. Emphasis should be placed on how the study will increase conservation efforts, or contribute to the protection of the Seashore's natural and cultural resources.

Cape Cod National Seashore contains a diverse variety of habitats and is characterized by open ocean, beaches, estuaries, and tidal flats. In addition to the marine environment, the Seashore is home to a unique kettle pond system, sensitive vernal pools, upland forested habitat, and coastal heathlands - a globally uncommon habitat supporting species that are correspondingly rare. More than 17 federally-listed threatened or endangered species are found throughout the Seashore and its marine waters. The physical processes that initially formed Cape Cod continue to reshape the area via wind, waves, tides, and long shore currents. Humans have been a part of this dynamic landscape for at least 10,000 years. These ecosystem processes have created and continue to influence the sensitive natural and cultural heritage that the Nickerson Conservation Fund is dedicated to study.

Eligibility: Anyone can apply, regardless of student or professional status. Awardees will be asked to present their findings as part of the Seashore Science Symposium to be held in late August at the Salt Pond Visitor Center.

Terms: Completed application packets are due by March 31, 2015. A stipend of approximately \$3000 will be provided. The final \$500 of the stipend will be awarded upon receipt of the fellow's final report and is due within one year of the initial award. Indirect costs (overhead) will not be supported by the fellowship. Laboratory space and field equipment may be available. Awardees will be notified in late April.

Evaluation Criteria: Applications will be judged on the basis of: technical merit, management applicability, feasibility of project, cost effectiveness, applicant's accomplishments, and potential for boosting professional development. Applicants are encouraged to collaborate or consult with CCNS natural resource management staff in developing project proposals.

To apply, please submit the attached form via email, along with all supporting material, to:
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**Joshua A. Nickerson Conservation Fellowship
2015 Application**

Name:	
Affiliation:	
Mailing Address:	
Phone:	
E-Mail Address:	
Study Dates:	
PROJECT TITLE:	

Please attach:

- Study Proposal: This should not exceed 5 pages, and should include the study objectives, methods, and relevance to management of Seashore resources. Approximate dates in which research will be conducted should be specified in the proposal.
- Brief summary of your background, experience, and qualifications (resume or CV).
- Equipment, materials, lab space, dates visiting researcher housing would be needed or other requests.
- Project budget detailing how Nickerson Fellowship funding would be expended.
- If you are a student, please attach a letter of support from faculty member/advisor or have them send it electronically to the research and monitoring coordinator. Ask your reference to specify Nickerson Fellowship and your name in the subject line.

Applications (electronic submissions only) must be received by March 31, 2015.