TO: Graduate student members of the Monterey Area Research Institutions’ Network for Education (MARINE)
FROM: Anne Kapuscinski, Director of UCSC Coastal Science and Policy Program
DATE: February 15, 2022
RE: Call for MARINE Inter-institution Synergistic Grant Proposals

Dear MARINE community:

The Coastal Science and Policy (CSP) Program at UC Santa Cruz (UCSC) is committed to preparing future leaders to solve current and emerging challenges to coastal sustainability. As part of that commitment, the UCSC CSP Program supports Monterey Area Research Institutions’ Network for Education (MARINE), which has been an integral part of leadership and professional development in the Monterey Bay area since 2009. The purpose of MARINE is to prepare future ocean and watershed leaders for interdisciplinary, real world problem-solving, and is a collaboration between seven Monterey Bay area academic campuses (CSU Monterey Bay, Middlebury Institute for International Studies at Monterey, Moss Landing Marine Labs, Naval Postgraduate School, UCSC, Stanford, and Stanford Hopkins Marine Lab).

In conjunction with MARINE’s overarching mission, CSP has committed funds to support graduate student leadership development through student-led projects that foster interdisciplinary collaboration across campuses with broader policy, community, and societal outcomes in ocean and/or coastal related issues. Proposals must clearly define outcomes of the inter-institutional collaboration. The CSP Program is offering a maximum of $500 per award (1 award per year) and requires a one-to-one match (in-kind or cash), whereby the matching funds come from across the home institutions of the student proposers.

**PROPOSAL SUBMISSION**

Due Tuesday, March 15, 2022 by 5:00 PM. Proposals should be submitted as a single pdf document via email to: marine@ucsc.edu

**CRITERIA**

- Funds will be awarded to innovative projects that that embody the goals of MARINE by fostering research and communication at the science-policy interface, community engagement, enhancing broader participation in science and education, or promoting teaching, training, and learning.
- Only graduate students (masters and doctoral) within the MARINE network are eligible to apply (see [https://csp.ucsc.edumarine-network/](https://csp.ucsc.edumarine-network/) for information MARINE)
GUIDELINES AND DETAILS

- Proposal submissions must come from teams that include graduate students actively engaged or interested in the MARINE community, from at least 2 institutions within the MARINE network.
- Teams submitting proposals must provide written proof of $500 matching funds from any combination of sources across the home institutions.
- Proposals should include:
  1. A cover page with the title of the project, and the names, institutional affiliations, and email addresses of each team member
  2. A two-page maximum description (single spaced, 12 pt. font) of the project, including project objectives, expected outcomes, and how the project would strengthen interdisciplinary collaboration across the Monterey Bay area (cited literature not included in two-page limit)
  3. A budget table and a one-page maximum budget justification (single spaced, 12 pt. font) describing how your team will use the funds ($1000 total funds, $500 CSP + $500 matching funds)

Proposals will be reviewed by a committee comprised of MARINE faculty representatives and two student liaisons. Decisions will be made and announced before the end of March 2022. Funding will be available for spending in April 2022. For questions about preparing your proposal, please email marine@ucsc.edu.