

Shoals Marine Lab Diversity Scholarship

Established in 2020 by Jay and Suzanne McFarland, the Shoals Diversity Scholarship seeks to increase the diversity of undergraduate students studying at SML. To this end, SML invites under-represented students to apply for financial support for SML academic courses. Diversity includes and is not limited to: race, age, ethnicity, family or marital status, gender identity or expression, language, national origin, physical and mental ability, political affiliation, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, and veteran status.

SML is committed to supporting a diverse community and a strong sense of belonging for all. Belonging at SML is about fostering respect and appreciation for difference, having a shared purpose and being a part of a community, while simultaneously being valued and appreciated for the uniqueness that each person brings.

The Shoals Diversity Scholarship ranges from \$1000 to full tuition plus room and board costs, depending on number of applicants and available funding. Diversity Scholarship applicants should also consider applying for SML's Need-based and Merit-based scholarships to support their enrollment at the lab. Applicant evaluation is based on merit (min of 3.2 needed to apply), financial need, and a short essay. The deadline for receipt of all application materials is: **March 19, 2021.**

To apply for the Shoals Diversity scholarship, send an email to shoals.lab@unh.edu with the following information:

1. The SML course(s) in which you want to enroll
2. Cornell and UNH students should include their student ID
3. One-page essay stating why you want to take a course at SML, what it would mean for you personally to receive this scholarship, and how your presence at SML would contribute to or support a diverse student body
4. All college transcripts (include as PDFs or have sent from your Registrar's office – unofficial copies are adequate)
5. PDF of your most recent SAR with EFC (from FAFSA)
 - o International students, please send your [CSS profile](#)

If you receive an award, go to our [Admissions Page](#) and follow the steps to enroll and register.

Shoals Marine Lab (SML) is a summer institute and field station jointly run by Cornell and the University of New Hampshire on Appledore Island, Maine, offering summer courses and internships for undergraduates (<https://www.shoalsmarinelaboratory.org/>). Here are 3 things to know about SML:

1. SML offers a diversity of credit courses each summer that provide field-based experiences you can't find on campus. SML's summer schedule is available now and pre-registration is open! View courses and start your application here: www.shoalsmarinelaboratory.org/courses/undergrad

2. SML offers merit-based, need-based and course-specific scholarships to students taking summer courses at Shoals. Students enrolling in two or more courses also receive multi-course awards up to \$3,000. View financial support and scholarship info here: www.shoalsmarinelaboratory.org/financial-support-scholarships. Merit scholarship applications are due March 19!
3. Research Apprenticeships at SML immerse students in the lab and field, with mentorship from faculty in SML's research community. Find out more here: www.shoalsmarinelaboratory.org/shoals-research-apprenticeship

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