



Frequently Asked Questions

Who are my California Sea Grant contacts?

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Am I considered to be a UCSD employee?

No. You are not considered to be a UCSD employee. You are paid via Payment Authorizations (non-payroll) through UCSD Disbursements.

What are the allocation amounts for my fellowship?

The Sea Grant program administers the overall award of \$41,500 (based on a 12-month period) per fellow selected. Of this amount, the Sea Grant program provides \$38,000 (~\$3,166 per month) to each fellow for stipend and living expenses. Please note that California Sea Grant/UCSD does not provide health insurance, however, CA Sea Grant will reimburse costs for private insurance that you may already have or will obtain up to a total of \$2,000 over twelve months. There is also \$1500 available to cover expenses for the matching workshop and any remaining funds can be applied to other fellowship related travel.

When will I receive my first stipend check?

Your stipend will be issued via UCSD Disbursements. Timely payment of your first stipend payment is dependent upon the timely receipt of your direct deposit form. You will be paid one month in arrears and since this is not through the payroll system there is not a specified date that you will receive your stipend.

Please provide our office with your most current mailing address, phone number and email.

How do I apply for direct deposit?

Access the California Sea Grant website for a direct deposit form. It may take 2-4 weeks for the direct deposit to take affect. The form may be downloaded from our website at <http://www-csgc.ucsd.edu/EDUCATION/SeaGrantFellows.html>. Look under the California Sea Grant State Fellowship section.

Send the completed form and a voided check or account deposit slip to the Sea Grant office, Attn: Torrey Larson

Is my fellowship considered taxable income?

Fellowships are defined as payments to aid one's pursuit of advanced training and research and are issued for the primary benefit of the individual receiving the payment. Because of their status as non-degree candidates, **fellowship income received by a Postdoctoral Scholar is considered fully taxable by the federal and state tax boards.**

Where to Obtain Forms, Instructions And Publications

Federal (IRS): <http://www.irs.gov>

Federal Tax Withholding Calculator at [irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) (enter "calculator" in Search IRS Site)

CA State: <http://www.ftb.ca.gov>

Some IRS Publications that may assist you in filing your return are:

Publication 17 Your Federal Income Tax

Publication 505 Tax Withholding & Estimated Tax

Publication 970 Tax Benefits for Education.

This is not a comprehensive list. Please consult your tax advisor for more information.