



**PORT of
SAN DIEGO**
Waterfront of Opportunity

Fellowship/Internship Opportunities For Ports & Harbors

2024 CMANC Spring Meeting



Internship/Fellowship Opportunities

Current Programs with Port Participation:

- California Sea Grant State Fellowship
- CivicSpark Program
- CaliforniansForAll College Corps





California Sea Grant State Fellowship Program

- Post-Graduate & PhD Students
- Interest in coastal/marine resources policy & management in California
- **2017: Port of San Diego's first Sea Grant Fellowship cohort!**

Host Office Requirements:

**Application Deadline
May 31, 2024**

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Full Application
Requirements





Jason Gonsalves

2024 California Sea Grant State Fellow

Background

- B.A. Physics (University of Redlands)
- M.Sc. Marine Science (Moss Landing Marine Laboratories)
- Working at the science-policy interface!

Projects at the Port

- Underwater acoustic monitoring
- Long-Term Monitoring Plan (LTMP) for Chula Vista Bayfront
- Climate policy/adaptation for urban settings





Chelsea Bowers-Doerning

2024 California Sea Grant State Fellow

Background

- B.S. Biological Science (CSU Fullerton)
Concentration in Marine Biology
- Consultant: DUDEK & Chambers
- M.S. Biology (CSU Fullerton)

Projects at the Port

- Oyster and Eelgrass Restoration & Monitoring
- GIS Mapping Tools
- Chula Vista Bayfront Restoration
- Permitting – RWGCB, ACOE
- EFH Assessment - Update





CivicSpark Program



General Info

- Increase resources for underserved communities
- Attract and retain diverse young leaders
- Projects must support local community resilience needs such as climate change adaptation or mitigation, energy efficiency, water management, sustainable mobility, etc.

Timeline

- Partner application: Mid-January
- Priority Partner Application: Late-March
- **Partnership Application Deadline: June 7, 2024**
- Fellowship: September 2024 – August 2025 (11 months)
- Fellow serves 1300 hours with partner site and 400 additional *other* hours



Melissa Belen-Gonzalez



Background

- BS in Biology from San Diego State University
- University of Georgia Marine Education Fellowship
- New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection AmeriCorps Program
- Port of San Diego CivicSpark AmeriCorps Program

Projects at the Port

- Planning Department:
 - Climate Action Plan
 - Departmental sustainability
- Blue Tech & Aquaculture
 - Shellfish and seaweed aquaculture
 - Outreach with local Latino/a/e communities around San Diego Bay



California College Corps



General Info

- California state program
- Americorps
- Three Service Focus Areas
 - **Climate action**
 - Food Insecurity
 - K-12 Education

Requirements

- 450 service hours per school year
 - At least 40 hours of training
- Undergraduate students

Community Partners

- Registered 501(c)(3)
- Government Organization

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**College
Corps**

Community
Partner App





Simon McGuire

Background

- B.A. Environmental Studies from University of San Diego
 - May 2024 Graduate
- USD College Corps Fellow 22-23 & 23-24

Projects at the Port

- Sweetwater bike path monitoring
- Nature-based solutions research
- Blue Carbon Study

