**LOCATION**
The University of Southern Mississippi’s Gulf Coast Research Laboratory in Ocean Springs, MS

**SALARY**
$1,900/month (MS) and $1,950/month (PhD). Salary increases to $50/month when students advance to candidacy. Additional benefits include a tuition waiver and basic health insurance.

**APPLICATION DEADLINES**
Applications are reviewed beginning January 31st (positions starting in fall) or July 30th (positions starting in spring) until positions are filled.

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**DESCRIPTION**
The Division of Coastal Sciences of the University of Southern Mississippi School of Ocean Science and Technology is pleased to announce the availability of graduate fellowships to prospective students seeking a PhD degree. Outstanding Master’s candidate will also be considered. These fellowships are awarded competitively and are intended to attract high quality graduate students. Candidates with interest in one of the four emphasis areas within the Division of Coastal Sciences (Aquaculture, Aquatic Health Sciences, Coastal Ecology and Ecosystem Processes, and Fisheries and Fisheries Oceanography) are encouraged to apply. Additional information on the Division of Coastal Sciences, the Coastal Sciences graduate program and emphasis areas, and the research interests of individual faculty members is available at [http://gcrl.usm.edu/coastal_sciences](http://gcrl.usm.edu/coastal_sciences)

Qualified candidates must contact potential faculty advisors to discuss their research and educational interests prior to submitting an application. Candidates must clearly indicate who they have contacted in their statement of purpose.

**Academic requirements**
Candidates applying for the PhD program can enter the program with a baccalaureate degree or after completing a Master’s degree with a minimum GPA of 3.75. Candidates applying for the MS program must hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited university with a minimum GPA of 3.5. All foreign national applicants whose native language is not English must meet University requirements for the TOEFL test.

**TO APPLY**

**Information on how to prepare an application package**

**U.S. Students:** [https://www.usm.edu/graduate-school/graduate-admissions](https://www.usm.edu/graduate-school/graduate-admissions)

**International Students:** [https://www.usm.edu/international-services/international-graduate-admission](https://www.usm.edu/international-services/international-graduate-admission)

Materials must be submitted using the Graduate School Application portal at: [https://www.usm.edu/graduate-school/apply-graduate-school](https://www.usm.edu/graduate-school/apply-graduate-school)

Make sure to select either the “Coastal Sciences Master’s Program” or “Coastal Sciences Doctoral Program” under the College of Science & Technology.

In addition to the documents listed on the pages at this link, applicants must submit:

— A statement of purpose that should include a statement that the applicant wants to be considered for a Graduate Fellowship in Coastal Sciences and also indicate which faculty member was contacted during preparation of the application.

— A curriculum vitae