

## **Graduate Sciences Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### **Selection Process**

#### **How are GSP applicants selected for positions within NOAA?**

Applications for the GSP are distributed to NOAA managers in organizations that have identified a potential position. Those organizations may or may not conduct phone interviews or travel the applicant to their office for interviews when trying to match a GSP applicant to the vacant position.

The final selection of the Graduate Scientists is made by NOAA/OED based on academic records, statement of career interests and goals, and compatibility of the applicant's background with the interests of NOAA. The NOAA organizations submit their ranked list of selected applicants for the positions identified to the NOAA OED/EPP. Successful candidates become full-time employees upon completion of their training program.

A successful candidate selected for a position will be contacted by NOAA indicating the position title and geographic location of the position. The successful candidate is requested to determine if he/she is interested in the position that has been offered at that time or within 5 days of receiving notification.

#### **When will I be notified with a decision?**

The deadline for receipt of applications is January 31, 2008. Successful applicants are notified between April and September 30, 2008. Unsuccessful applicants are notified by e-mail at the end of October 2008.

#### **How will my NOAA advisor/supervisor be assigned?**

The NOAA advisor and supervisor is identified at the time of notification of the job offer.

#### **Does my experience working with NOAA as an intern or lab assistant increase my chances of being selected? If not, what can I do?**

No. However, your internship or prior work experience provides you with knowledge of NOAA which can be used in developing your essays.

#### **How many scholarship recipients are selected?**

Approximately 5 GSP participants are selected each year

- In 2000, 5 GSP participants were hired.
- In 2001, 6 GSP participants were hired.
- In 2002, 5 GSP participants were hired.
- In 2003, 3 GSP participants were hired.
- In 2004, 5 GSP participants were hired.
- In 2005, 2 GSP participants were hired.
- In 2006, 6 GSP participants were hired.
- In 2007, 7 GSP participants were hired.

**How many applications does NOAA usually receive?**

NOAA receives an average of 40 applications per year.