



APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO GRADUATE STUDY IN THE SCHOOL OF MARINE SCIENCE

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE APPLICANT: A **NONREFUNDABLE** processing fee of **\$50.00** must accompany this application. A check or money order payable to the College of William & Mary is required.

Complete and submit this form and all required supporting materials to the following address:

**College of William & Mary
Admissions
School of Marine Science
P.O. Box 1346 [for mailing]
Rt. 1208 Greate Rd. [for shipping]
Gloucester Point, VA 23062-1346**

FELLOWSHIPS and ASSISTANTSHIPS: Applicants competing for Institute fellowship and assistantship funds are strongly encouraged to ensure that all materials are received prior to the formal application closing date of **January 15**

Fellowships and assistantships are awarded on a competitive basis depending upon availability of funds. No special applications are required to apply for these funds. You need only indicate your need on this graduate application. Fellowships, not assistantships, include tuition and fees.

Fellowship's for underrepresented minorities are available through the Hall-Bonner program. Please see [<http://www.hamptonu.edu/academics/schools/science/marine/hallbonner.htm>] for details.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE JANUARY 15 OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR

APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED AFTER APRIL 15

The College of William & Mary does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discriminatory policies:

**College of William & Mary
Director of EO/AA
Hornsby House
PO Box 8795
Williamsburg, VA 23187-8795
[757] 221-2615**

- Links to other pages are shown in **bold, blue** type.
- Take the time to review this form and its links before filling out and submitting the form.
- Remember to print out a copy of the completed form for your records.

Expected Date of Entry: **Fall of** [year]

1. Full Name: _____

2. Social Security Number: _____

3. Sex*: Male Female

4. Date of Birth: [Month / Day / Year]: _____

5. Racial/Ethnic: *[Applicants may select multiple ethnicity categories and subcategories, in a way that helps you best describe your multi-ethnic background]*

1) Are you Hispanic or Latino? Yes, Hispanic or Latino (including Spain) No

Which best describes your background?

- Central America Cuba Mexico
 Puerto Rico South America (excluding Brazil) Spain
 Other _____

2) Regardless of your answer to the prior question, please check one or more of the following groups in which you consider yourself to be a member:

• **American Indian or Alaska Native (including all Original Peoples of the Americas)**

Which best describes your background?

- Alaska Native Chippewa Choctaw
 Cherokee Navajo Sioux
 Other _____

• **Asian (including Indian subcontinent and Philippines)**

Which best describes your background?

- China India Japan
 Korea Pakistan Philippines
 Vietnam
 Other East Asia _____
 Other Indian Subcontinent _____
 Other Southeast Asia _____

• **African American or Black (including Africa and Caribbean)**

Which best describes your background?

- U.S./African-American
 African
 Caribbean
 Other _____

• **Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (Original Peoples)**

Which best describes your background?

- Guam
 Hawaii
 Samoa
 Other Pacific Islands (excluding Philippines) _____

• **White (including Middle Eastern)**

Which best describes your background?

- Europe
 Middle East
 Other _____

NOTE: This information is compliance report data for institutions of higher education. Under Title VI CRA 1964 and Title IX Education Amendments Act 1972, the College of William & Mary is required to conduct a student enrollment study. This information will in no way affect admission to the College of William & Mary. You are assured both by school policy and by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act that the information is confidential and accessible only to school officials, government agencies and others with a legitimate educational interest in the information.

6. Country of Citizenship: _____

7. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please check the status you claim: Resident Alien Non-Resident Alien

8. Type of Visa [if applicable]: _____

9. a. If you are a U.S. citizen, do you claim Virginia Domiciliary status for tuition purposes as specified by the Code of Virginia? Yes No [If the answer is "Yes", please return the <http://www.wm.edu/offices/registrar/documents/2010-2011%20Domicile%20Application.pdf>] form.

b. If you claim **Virginia Domiciliary status**, please provide the following:

City or County of Legal Home Residence: _____ Zip Code: _____

c. If you do not claim Virginia Domiciliary status for tuition purposes, what is your legal, permanent home state and zip code?

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

10. Present Mailing Address Perm
[Where you wish admissions correspondence sent]:

Street/Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip _____ Country: _____

Telephone Number: [_____] _____

Email Address: _____

Fax #: _____

Permanent Mailing Address
[Through which you can be reached at any time]:

Street/Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip _____ Country: _____

Telephone Number: [_____] _____

Effective Until: _____

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11. After what date should correspondence be sent to your permanent address? _____

12. Present occupation, if other than student. _____

13. Do you wish to be considered for financial aid? Yes No

Application for financial aid is not taken into account in evaluating your application for admission. For Federal Student Loan and Workstudy awards, you must complete and process a Financial Aid Form [<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>].

14. Will you be eligible for veteran's educational benefits while at William & Mary? Yes No

15. a. For which degree program do you wish to apply? M.S. Ph.D.

** Most students without a M.S. enter the program as a masters student. If your intention is to work towards a Ph.D. degree, you may apply to by-pass the master's degree once you are at VIMS [see **Masters of Science Bypass option** in the SMS graduate catalog. Please contact the **Dean of Graduate Studies**, iris@vims.edu] or fonda@vims.edu] if additional information concerning this degree is needed.*

b. Please indicate your department of preference and the department's research discipline that interest you. You may select multiple departments and disciplines.

Department: <i>[Choose one or more, listing priority as 1, 2, etc.]</i>	Research Discipline within the Department: <i>[Choose one, or more than one, from any group]</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Biological Sciences www.vims.edu/biol	<input type="checkbox"/> Biological Oceanography <input type="checkbox"/> Macrophyte Ecology <input type="checkbox"/> Microbial Ecology	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Biology <input type="checkbox"/> Benthic Ecology	<input type="checkbox"/> Nutrient Cycling <input type="checkbox"/> Plankton Processes
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental & Aquatic Animal Health www.vims.edu/env	<input type="checkbox"/> Analytical Chemistry <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Chemistry <input type="checkbox"/> Toxicology/Risk Assessment <input type="checkbox"/> Molluscan population genetics <input type="checkbox"/> Invertebrate zoology and systematics <input type="checkbox"/> Epidemiology, ecology and diagnostics of marine diseases	<input type="checkbox"/> Biochemistry <input type="checkbox"/> Pathology/Histology <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Microbiology <input type="checkbox"/> Molecular phylogenetics <input type="checkbox"/> Essential nutrient production and transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Immunology <input type="checkbox"/> Molecular Genetics
<input type="checkbox"/> Fisheries Sciences www.fisheries.vims.edu	<input type="checkbox"/> Aquaculture Genetics & Breeding <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Systematics & Evolution <input type="checkbox"/> Fisheries/Ecosystem Management <input type="checkbox"/> Stock Assessment Methods <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Conservation Biology	<input type="checkbox"/> Molluscan Ecology <input type="checkbox"/> Recruitment Dynamics <input type="checkbox"/> Population Dynamics <input type="checkbox"/> Crustacean Ecology <input type="checkbox"/> Fisheries Genetics	<input type="checkbox"/> Fisheries Economics <input type="checkbox"/> Laval Fish Ecology <input type="checkbox"/> Deep-sea Ecology <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Physiology <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Ecology
<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Sciences www.vims.edu/physical	<input type="checkbox"/> Benthic Boundary-Layer Dynamics <input type="checkbox"/> Estuarine and Shelf Dynamics <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Geochemistry <input type="checkbox"/> Small-Scale Physical Processes <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Sedimentology and Stratigraphy	<input type="checkbox"/> Organic Geochemistry <input type="checkbox"/> Nutrient Biogeochemistry <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical Fluxes <input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Transport & Flux <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrodynamic and Water Quality Modeling	<input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Chemistry <input type="checkbox"/> Morphodynamics <input type="checkbox"/> Geochronology

16. List in chronological order colleges you have attended:

College	Location	Dates From	To	Degree Awarded	Major

**Official transcripts must be sent directly from the Registrars of each institution of higher education attended, regardless of the amount of credit earned, to: Dean of Graduate Studies P.O. Box 1346 [for mailing] Rt. 1208 Great Rd. [for shipping] School of Marine Science Virginia Institute of Marine Science Gloucester Point, VA 23062. Please note the transcripts must be received by the date specified for receipt of application materials.*

17. What were your undergraduate grade point averages [GPA]? Indicate scale: _____ [for example, A=4, B=3...]
 Overall undergraduate GPA: _____ Undergraduate GPA in major field: _____

18. What were your graduate grade point averages [GPA]? Indicate scale: _____ [for example, A=4, B=3...]
 Overall graduate GPA: _____ Graduate GPA in major field: _____

19. All applicants are required to take the General Test [verbal and quantitative] of the Graduate Record Examination [<http://www.gre.org>], and waivers of the examination cannot be granted. GRE scores more than 5 years old are not acceptable, and the examination must be retaken. Applicants must register for this test directly with the Educational Testing Service, [<http://www.ets.org>], P.O. Box 6000, Princeton, NJ 08541-6000. If you have already taken the GRE's, indicate date taken and scores:

Date Taken: _____ Verbal Score: _____ Quan. Score: _____ Analytical Score: _____

20. Foreign applicants are required to take the [<http://www.ets.org/toefl>] examination. [Foreign Applicants]:

Date Taken: _____ Score: _____

Applicants must request the ETS send their scores directly to:

Virginia Institute of Marine Science
 School of Marine Science
 Dean of Graduate Studies
 P.O. Box 1346 [mailing]
 Rt. 1208 Greate Road [shipping]
 Gloucester Point, VA 23062

**Note that official ETS test results must be received by the date specified for receipt of application materials. An application lacking official scores after the School's January 15th application deadline may be considered incomplete and not evaluated by the faculty.*

21. Please provide a resume [curriculum vitae]. Use the following format as a guide: [[CV Guide](#)]. File formats that are acceptable include Word [.doc] and Adobe Acrobat [.pdf] documents.

22. Applicants must request three [3] persons qualified to judge their scholarly and professional abilities to submit letters of recommendation on their behalf. A copy of the [Recommendation Form](#) should be given to each of your references to be filled out and included with their reference letter. List below the names and addresses of the persons from whom you are requesting this information. It is the responsibility of the applicant that letters of recommendation are received prior to the cutoff date. Missing letters usually result in a low ranking for the applicant.

Name	Address	State or Country	Zip Code

23. Have you had any previous contact with School of Marine Science faculty members? [] Yes [] No
We strongly encourage applicants to identify and contact one or more faculty members whose research is of interest!

24. Is there any particular faculty member, [<http://www.vims.edu/education/graduate/faculty/index.php>] with whom you would like to work?

Name: _____

25. Please provide an objective statement [**500 words of less**] describing your research interests, career plans and reasons for pursuing graduate study at VIMS. This statement should include a description of any experience pertinent to your future research goals and, to the extent possible, an explanation for your choice of department.

By submitting this application, I certify that the answers to the above questions are truthful and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. Any omission or misstatement of a material fact on the application may be the basis for denial of admission or, if admitted, dismissal from the School of Marine Science, College of William & Mary.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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