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.

Fellowships 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?
  [ ] 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 [Where you wish admissions correspondence sent]: ________________________________

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

    Street/Box: __________________________________ Street/Box: __________________________________

    City: ____________________ State: ____________ City: ____________________ State: ____________

    Zip ________ Country: ____________________ Zip ________ Country: ____________________

    Telephone Number: [____]______________________ Telephone Number: [____]______________________

    Email Address: _______________________________ Effective Until: _______________

    Fax #: _____________________________________ Effective Until: _______________

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 bypass 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:
[Choose one or more, listing priority as 1, 2, etc.]

- Biological Sciences
  - [ ] Biological Oceanography
  - [ ] Macrophyte Ecology
  - [ ] Microbial Ecology

- Environmental & Aquatic Animal Health
  - [ ] Analytical Chemistry
  - [ ] Environmental Chemistry
  - [ ] Toxicology/Risk Assessment
  - [ ] Molluscan population genetics
  - [ ] Invertebrate zoology and systematics
  - [ ] Epidemiology, ecology and diagnostics of marine diseases

- Fisheries Sciences
  - [ ] Aquaculture Genetics & Breeding
  - [ ] Fish Systematics & Evolution
  - [ ] Fisheries/Ecosystem Management
  - [ ] Stock Assessment Methods
  - [ ] Marine Conservation Biology

- Physical Sciences
  - [ ] Benthic Boundary-Layer Dynamics
  - [ ] Estuarine and Shelf Dynamics
  - [ ] Environmental Geochemistry
  - [ ] Small-Scale Physical Processes
  - [ ] Marine Sedimentology and Stratigraphy

### Research Discipline within the Department:
[Choose one, or more than one, from any group]

- Biological Oceanography
- Physical Biology
- Nutrient Cycling
- Macrophyte Ecology
- Benthic Ecology
- Plankton Processes
- Microbial Ecology
- Biochemistry
- Immunology
- Environmental Chemistry
- Pathology/Histology
- Molecular Genetics
- Toxicology/Risk Assessment
- Environmental Microbiology
- Molecular phylogenetics
- Molluscan population genetics
- Essential nutrient production and transfer
- Invertebrate zoology and systematics
- Epidemiology, ecology and diagnostics of marine diseases
- Aquaculture Genetics & Breeding
- Recruitment Dynamics
- Laval Fish Ecology
- Molluscan Ecology
- Population Dynamics
- Deep-sea Ecology
- Fish Systematics & Evolution
- Crustacean Ecology
- Fish Physiology
- Fisheries/Ecosystem Management
- Fisheries Genetics
- Fish Ecology
- Stock Assessment Methods
- Sediment Transport & Flux
- Marine Conservation Biology
- Fishery Assessment Methods
- Marine Sedimentology
- Marine Conservation Biology
- Aquatic Chemistry
- Organic Geochemistry
- Aquatic Chemistry
- Nutrient Biogeochemistry
- Morphodynamics
- Environmental Geochemistry
- Chemical Fluxes
- Geochronology
- Small-Scale Physical Processes
- Sediment Transport & Flux
- Marine Sedimentology and Stratigraphy
- Hydrodynamic and Water Quality Modeling

### 16. List in chronological order colleges you have attended:

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*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 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.

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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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