

Title: Collaborating with New York Sea Grant
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Attendees listed below

New York Sea Grant (NYSG) is a statewide network of integrated research, education, and extension services promoting coastal economic vitality, environmental sustainability and citizen awareness and understanding about the State's marine and Great Lakes resources. These three elements, **economics**, **environment**, and **education**, are the foundation of its Strategic Plan. NYSG has been "Bringing Science to the Shore" since 1971. Through New York Sea Grant's efforts, the combined talents of university scientists and extension specialists help transfer science-based information to many coastal user groups—businesses and industries, federal, state and local government decision-makers and agency managers, educators, the media and the interested public. Since its start in 1971, NYSG has provided over **\$120 million** for university research, education, and outreach projects; sponsored conferences, seminars and workshops on vital coastal issues; and made it possible for hundreds of graduate students to get advanced degrees.

Established in 1966, NOAA's National Sea Grant College Program is a network of 32 joint Federal/State university programs in every U.S. coastal and Great Lakes state and Puerto Rico. New York Sea Grant, one of the largest of these programs, is a cooperative program of the State University of New York (SUNY) and Cornell University, with administrative offices at Stony Brook University's School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences, extension administration at Cornell University in Ithaca, and extension staff throughout the state.

During the New York Sea Grant (NYSG) topical lunch on March 23, 2012, 13 current and potential NYSG Principal Investigators from Cornell convened to learn more about NYSG generally as well as its research program and funding opportunities. After hearing about the mechanics of NYSG's biannual Call for Proposals and the details of the selection process, the group discussed the current needs of the Cornell research community, and how they did and did not fit into the NYSG funding process. Much discussion involved the potential for a competitive graduate fellowship program as well as the possibility of a yearly funding cycle. Many times researchers have an idea and need to find funding on a short time horizon. Given the NYSG biannual call and the time it takes to go from RFP to funding of an award, some potential PIs opt to seek funding elsewhere. The NYSG Management Team also emphasized the need to support research which can be quickly extended to stakeholders. NYSG took the opportunity to highlight the Sea Grant Association first national "Research to Application Award" to Cornell's Dr. Paul Bowser and NYSG's David MacNeill. Overall, many researchers learned about the opportunities that NYSG offers and NYSG gained a better understanding of current research needs at Cornell. NYSG's newsletter and publications about its mission and research database were also distributed to interested PIs.

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