

OCEAN & NAVIGATION EDUCATOR FELLOWSHIP

JUNE 2025 - JUNE 2026



Join an inspiring, year-long fellowship designed to empower educators in creating transformative K–12 learning resources that weave together voyaging traditions, Indigenous knowledge, and ocean science. Fellows will focus on the rich cultural and ecological landscape of Papahānaumokuākea and promote ocean stewardship through place-based learning.

PROGRAM DETAILS

TIMEFRAME: June 9, 2025 - June 30, 2026*

*Start and end dates are negotiable

LOCATION: Work from home, with occasional travel to:

- Marine Education Training Center (METC) in Honolulu, HI
- Wa'a Honua partner locations, such as the NOAA Inouye Regional Center and Bishop Museum
- WIPCE in Aotearoa in November 2025 (optional; funds permitting)

HOURS:

- Summer: 30-40 hours/week
- School year: 10-15 hours/month

STIPEND: Up to \$20,000 (Deliverable-dependent)



ELIGIBILITY & PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be a U.S. citizen age 18 or older
- Strong experience as a current or retired K–12 teacher, curriculum designer, professional development coordinator, or other type of educator
- Ability to work effectively remotely (computer and wifi not provided)
- Experience with curriculum in ocean science, navigation, and place-based education
- Experience aligning content to NGSS or Nā Hopena A'ō (HĀ)
- Ability to create engaging digital learning content

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

APPLICATION FORM

APPLICATION WINDOW: May 2, 2025 - May 21, 2025

- Fellows will be notified of selection by June 3, 2025

BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE:

- Information about your current and prior educator experiences
- Brief descriptions of your prior or current use of navigation, voyaging, wa'a, ocean science, and NOAA resources
- Short essay: "Why do you want to be an Ocean and Navigation Educator Fellow?"
- A pitch concept for a Papahānaumokuākea-inspired learning resource
- Your resume (optional)
- Examples of place-based curriculum or learning resources created or adapted by you (optional)



Questions? Please email
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