In the next 30 minutes

• What is COAST?
• Graduate Student Research Awards
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What is COAST?

CSU-wide network of faculty members and students actively working to address critical marine, coastal and coastal watershed issues.
What does COAST do?

Promotes research and education to advance our knowledge of coastal and marine resources and the processes that affect them.
COAST supports marine, coastal and coastal watershed research

The open and coastal ocean
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Coastal zones (bays, estuaries, beaches)
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Coastal watersheds
(clear and direct linkages with coast or ocean)
Anadromous fish, surface and groundwater flow, water quality, land use, etc.
Work supported by COAST is NOT limited to California
COAST Goals

Advance our knowledge of coastal and marine resources and the processes that affect them.

Develop innovative solutions to the economic, sociological, ecological and technological challenges that our coastal zone faces.

Promote environmental literacy to foster stewardship and sustainable use of our coast.
Graduate Student Research Awards

Deadline: Jan. 31, 2019 5:00 pm PST
Details at http://www.calstate.edu/coast
Graduate Student Research Awards

- $3,000 awards to graduate students conducting marine, coastal and coastal watershed research
- Plan to make 30 awards this year

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Complete application includes

1. Application form
2. Letter of recommendation from Advisor
3. Departmental Commitment Form (for some applicants)
Application form required items

- Keywords
- Suggested reviewers
  - May not be from home campus, members of committee, potential COI
- Budget summary
Project description

• Product of your own work
• Advisor should provide input and feedback
• See examples of highly ranked applications from previous years
Timeline

• Clear plan for use of your award beginning May 2019
• Interim milestone dates
• Anticipated graduation date
Relation to COAST Goals

- Refer to page 1 of announcement
- Emphasis on CA but only 5 points
  - Excellent applications not related to CA should be able to score high enough to receive funding
Budget

• Construct your own!
  – Budget template provided

• Research support Your department
  – You need a Departmental Commitment Form

• Living expenses Financial aid office
  – Unqualified scholarship
  – Taxable
  – Financial aid impact
Living Expense Justification

• Explain HOW the award will help you in detail
  – Rent
  – Monthly living expenses
  – Child care

• What will this award allow you to do that wouldn’t otherwise be possible?
  – E.g., reduce your hours at an unrelated job and therefore make progress toward your degree more quickly
When do you need a Departmental Commitment Form?

- If you are requesting that **any part** of your award go through your Department, you need a DCF.
- If you are requesting that your entire award go through Financial Aid, you **DO NOT** need a DCF.
Letter of Recommendation

• Discuss letter with your advisor
  – Ensure s/he will write a strong, detailed letter
    • Value of your project
    • Your ability to conduct and complete the work

• Your responsibility to ensure it is submitted ON TIME
  – Advisor will submit directly to COAST
Application Submission

• Submit **both** the .docx and .pdf application files.
• Within one hour of application submission, you will receive a **confirmation email** from COAST. Please save this email for future reference!
  – If you do not receive a confirmation email, please contact COAST immediately to ensure your application was received.
  – If you receive more than one confirmation email, save all of them.
Financial aid considerations

- Consult with a campus financial aid officer prior to accepting any support offered through this program

• Any funding made available to you through Financial Aid could lead to a decrease in other forms of financial assistance
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