



FishCAST Undergraduate Trainee Application

The FishCAST Program supports interdisciplinary natural- and social scientists that hope to address biodiversity loss and food security issues in freshwater fisheries, fish culture, and fish conservation.

FishCAST is not a degree-granting program and there is no minimum amount of funding guaranteed. Undergraduate applicants interested in the FishCAST program must be enrolled in an undergraduate program at one of our participating universities with a FishCAST supervisor and have maintained a B average. Please speak with your current or prospective FishCAST supervisor about the fellowship program and funding before applying.

Participating universities include University of Windsor, Western University, Carleton University, University of Waterloo, Université du Québec à Rimouski, University of Manitoba, and University of Toronto.

The Program Coordinator, Kendra Thompson-Kumar, can answer any questions about the FishCAST program at fishcast@uwindsor.ca

Trainee Last Name:			
Trainee First Name:			
Research Proposal Title:			
Supervisor(s) Name(s):			
Host University:			
Undergraduate Student Status:	Domestic	International	
Program of Study (Env. Science, Bio):			NSE/Natural Sciences & Engineering
			Non-NSE/Social Sciences
Current Year in Undergraduate Program:		Time Left in Program:	
Mentored Career Stream (see below):			
Supported FishCAST Research Theme(s) (see below):			
Proposed Start Date or Semester:			

<u>FishCAST Research Themes</u>
Theme I: Ecosystems/Habitat Assessment
Theme II: Fisheries Ecology/Exploitation
Theme III: Fish Health & Fitness
Theme IV: Fish Culture

<u>FishCAST Mentored Career Streams</u>
I: Applied Research (e.g., Industry)
II: Policy/Applied Research (e.g., NGO, Government, Industry)
II: Pure Research

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Additional Required Application Materials

*Applicants evaluated based on the clarity, thoroughness, and merit of the criteria listed below for each Statement.

Personal Research Statement

(0.5 page/250 words for Undergraduate level)

In this statement applicants should include

- 1) a description of their Undergraduate Thesis research project,
- 2) how their research question aligns with their indicated research stream,
- 3) how their research will transfer to studies at the graduate level and possible career pathway (if known), and
- 4) how they will achieve societal impact through their research and FishCAST.

This statement can be used to highlight the training (seminars, lectures) that applicants would like to see offered. It can also be used to identify any barriers/enablers to the applicant's future success.

JEDI Statement (length 0.5 page/250 words)

In this statement applicants will demonstrate their awareness of JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion) dimensions and share self-reflection. The JEDI Statement gives the applicant the opportunity to discuss:

- 1) their current awareness of JEDI issues,
- 2) where they are on their own individual journey and development, and
- 3) how they see JEDI issues intersecting with their own professional and personal development in FishCAST.

The JEDI Statement is intended to understand the lived experience of the applicant and the mentorship they may need throughout the FishCAST program.

References (for any works cited in the text)

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