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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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Updates from LA-COE

RFP3 Announcement

The LA-COE announced the third Request for Proposals (RFP3) on Jan. 25, 2024. Coastal researchers, both student and professional, are encouraged to apply for the opportunity. Projects submitted for these two-year awards must support research that is directly related to the implementation of Louisiana's Coastal Master Plan, which guides the state's coastal restoration and protection work. The funding comes from settlements of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Funding for the LA-COE flows through the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

The funding will be awarded in two categories:

Graduate Assistantships: These awards will only be made available to support full-time graduate students conducting relevant research at Louisiana colleges or universities.

Research Awards: Any Louisiana organization or institution may be the lead on a proposal and participate in the proposed research. In the case of proposals involving multiple organizations, a single Louisiana-based organization must be identified as the lead.

Important Dates

The deadline to submit a required Letter of Intent is **Friday, Feb. 23, 2024, at 5**

p.m. CST.

The deadline for submission of full proposals is **Monday, April 22, 2024, at 5**

p.m. CST.

A webinar to outline the request for proposals will be held **Feb. 1, 2024 from 2 to**

3 p.m. CST.

Webinar Information

Date: Feb. 1, 2024

Time: 2 to 3 p.m. CST

Register for Webinar

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

More information is available at the LA-COE's website at www.la-coe.org

View RFP

Congratulations RFP2 PI's

LA-COE would like to congratulate the RFP2 PI's for completing their final reports and for all of their hard work during the RFP2 cycle. Your research will support the progress of the Louisiana Coastal Master Plan and inform future coastal management decisions.

We look forward to receiving all final datasets, due **October 31, 2024**. If you have any questions about data management, reach out to Brittany Jensen at bjensen@thewaterinstitute.org.

GOMCON

Gulf of Mexico Conference (#GOMCON) is scheduled for **February 19-22, 2024**, at the **Tampa Convention Center** in Tampa, Florida.

Visit GulfofMexicoAlliance.org/GOMCON2024 to view conference topics and their full descriptions. Complete details on the schedule and hotels are available on the website.

GULF OF MEXICO CONFERENCE 2024

Key Dates:

October 13, 2023	Abstract Submission Deadline
January 10, 2024	Hotel Reservation Deadline
January 12, 2024	Early Bird Registration Deadline (\$250)
February 16, 2024	Online Registration Deadline (\$300)

Emphasizing the intersection of science, policy, and management, the Gulf of Mexico Conference will include sessions on themes that are important to ecosystem and community resilience as well as restoration and natural resource management. Visit the conference website for information on sessions, registration, hotels, and more. <https://gulfofmexicoalliance.org/gomcon2024>

Impacts

LA-COE IMPACTS

Since 2016:



\$5.3 million in
funding



82 undergrads,
grads, and post-docs
supported



19 journal
articles published



25 datasets made
publicly available

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Professional and student coastal researchers are encouraged to apply for grant money for work that informs future Louisiana Coastal Master Plans. There is up to \$4.2 million in grant money available.

More information here ow.ly/hbvN50Quqrt

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RFP3 Released!



Informational webinar 2-3 (CST) Feb. 1

Letter of Intent due Feb. 23

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