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## **Dear Colleague Letter - NSF/NOAA SEES Fellows**

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Achieving a sustainable human future in the face of both gradual and abrupt global change is one of the most significant challenges facing humanity. NSF's Science, Engineering, and Education for Sustainability (SEES) activities support interdisciplinary research and education needed to overcome the barriers to sustainable human well-being. SEES activities span the entire range of scientific domains at NSF.

Within the Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE), we want to foster research that bridges the gap between basic research in the SBE sciences and national-level practice and policy related to environmental science and engineering. To further engage inter-agency collaboration and linkages, we are especially interested in developing research scholars with expertise in any of the SBE fields who seek to engage in SEES related activities in partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), enriching the integration of SBE into their practice.

The purpose of this Dear Colleague Letter is to promote funding opportunities that enable SBE scientists to expand their core expertise through residence at a NOAA facility, collaboratively working with NOAA scientists and policy-makers. The NSF Program on Science, Engineering, and Education for Sustainability Fellows (SEES Fellows: [http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=504673](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=504673)) is one such opportunity. This solicitation requires that applicants develop a research partnership. SBE and NOAA believe that NOAA facilities provide an opportunity for such partnerships between SBE scientists and NOAA staff. This opportunity is open to early-career scholars. Awards provide salary support, research expenses and travel support for a maximum of three years. Proposals are due November 26, 2012.

Potentially interested applicants are urged to first review the NSF solicitation on Science, Engineering and Education for Sustainability Fellows (SEES Fellows: [http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=504673](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=504673)) and then to consult, Dr. Linwood Pendleton, NOAA Chief Economist ([linwood.pendleton@noaa.gov](mailto:linwood.pendleton@noaa.gov)) at NOAA in order to identify potential opportunities at NOAA. Proposals will ultimately be submitted by the scholar to the SEES Fellows competition at the NSF. Questions about this Dear Colleague Letter or other NSF-specific issues can be addressed to Dr. David McGinnis ([dmcginni@nsf.gov](mailto:dmcginni@nsf.gov)).

More information about NSF's SEES investment area in general can be found on the SEES webpage at: <http://www.nsf.gov/sees/>.

Sincerely,  
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