



# US COASTAL RESEARCH PROGRAM 2019 ACADEMIC RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

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***Webinar: summarize goals, requirements, and timeline for USCRP's 2019 academic research opportunities***

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## *Agenda*

- USCRP Summary, Mission, Organization 2019 Academic Research Opportunity
  - Brief introduction: 10 topics & 3 research themes  
Funding mechanisms via CESUs\*
  - Process, timing, and rough schedule for advertising, reviewing, and awarding
  - Requirements & desired characteristics of research
- FAQs and Additional Questions

\*Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units (CESU) <http://www.cesu.psu.edu/>





# US COASTAL RESEARCH PROGRAM USCRP SUMMARY, MISSION, ORGANIZATION

**Goals:** Address national nearshore coastal research priorities of greatest societal relevance & build skilled US workforce.

**Approach:** Leverage & expand federal, academic, industry, & non-gov nearshore research to address consensus needs.

**Mar 2014:** Future of Nearshore Processes Workshop

**Winter 2015:** “Nearshore Report” identified 3 broad research themes:

- (1) Long-term coastal evolution,
- (2) Extreme events,
- (3) Human and ecosystem health.



Identified need to coordinate nearshore observations & modeling; mentor & train coastal community.

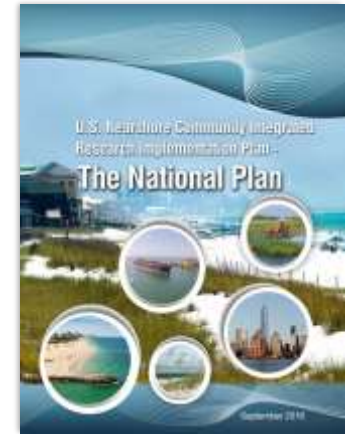
*Future of Nearshore Processes Research*  
(Elko et. al, 2015)





# US COASTAL RESEARCH PROGRAM RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Topical Workshops
  - Dune Management Challenges (2015)
  - Storm Processes & Impacts (2018)
- Academic Awards
  - Dune Research Studies (5 projects; 2016; \$265.6K)
  - Storm Research Studies (7 projects; 2018; \$775K)
- Interagency Coordination
  - National Research Plan (2016)
  - Collaborative Projects – for example, Coastal Model Test Bed, During Nearshore Event Experiment (DUNEX)





# US COASTAL RESEARCH PROGRAM 2019 AWARDS SUMMARY

## 10 Priority Topic Areas: Identified by federal agencies as current research needs

## Emerged from 3 Broad Research Themes identified in Nearshore Report

**Research Topics:** Proposals addressing the following topics are of primary interest; proposals are also invited addressing the USCRP's research themes: (1) Long-term processes; (2) Extreme Events; (3) Human & Ecosystem Health.

- (1) **Identify and Communicate Coastal Impacts.** Proposals will describe and quantify the risk communities face from coastal impacts and how best to communicate those risks to a broader audience. The intent of communication is to compel communities to consider actions that reduce risk.
- (2) **Coastal Structure Design and Rehabilitation Incorporating Stochastic Risk and Uncertainty.** Proposed research will utilize stochastic methods in designing and rehabilitating coastal structures that incorporate risk and uncertainty in coastal forcing and structural stability.
- (3) **Understanding the Crossroads of Human and Ecosystem Health.** Proposals will seek to address the linkages between humans and ecosystems during storms or seasonal events such as red tides. Research will provide feedback on physical coastal processes and the corresponding human health impacts.
- (4) **Evaluating the Distribution and Geotechnical Properties of Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Sand Resources and Coupled Environmental Responses to Dredging.** Proposals may seek to examine the geologic framework of the OCS to establish the distribution and character of beach quality sands; evaluate sediment dynamics on the OCS as a result of normal, storm conditions, or dredging disturbances; evaluate the long-term impact of beach nourishment projects on the ecosystem, including bird and sea turtle populations and nesting behavior; and related topics.
- (5) **Nearshore Sediment Transport and Sediment Budgets over Decadal Scales.** Research proposals will seek to quantify the connection and the longer term processes of nearshore shoal migration and sediment sources to the nearshore and associated necessary feedback mechanisms. Proposals will focus on identifying and understanding the impacts to the geology, the nearshore, and the ecosystem, and consider percent-day processes and how sea level change may evolve the nearshore sediment budget.
- (6) **Long-term Implications of Coastal Restoration.** Proposals will examine the long term implications of engineered (grey and green infrastructure) solutions along open ocean, bay, and Great Lake shorelines.
- (7) **Development of a USCRP Coastal Data Portal.** Proposals will develop a common platform for linking and overlaying existing spatial and temporal coastal data. Proposals may explore how nationally available datasets from federal agencies can be used in conjunction with state and local datasets.
- (8) **Quantifying and Communicating Numerical Model Uncertainty.** Proposals will quantify uncertainty associated with numerical modeling and predictions over time periods of storms, seasons, years, or decades. Proposals will identify and define improvements to modeling and predictions so that members of the nearshore community can better understand the results and their applicable impacts.
- (9) **Develop Community Resilience Guidance for Recovery & Mitigation and Adaptation.** Proposals will examine how nearshore communities can utilize best practices for recovery, long-term adaptive management and risk mitigation to recover faster from coastal impacts and adapt more easily to future events. Products will provide decision support guidance for use by coastal communities to improve short- and long-term adaptation, and consider tipping points in decision-making processes.
- (10) **Applied Storm & Recovery Studies as part of the During Nearshore Event Experiment (DUNEX).** Proposals will conduct experiments and collaborate with other researchers to evaluate short and/or long-term storm impacts during the DUNEX experiment, planned for Fall-Winter 2020, with a pilot study planned for Fall 2019. Funding may be utilized to participate in the experiment and/or to analyze data that was collected during the experiment.



# USCRP COASTAL RESEARCH PRIORITY CATEGORIES

1. Identify and Communicate Coastal Impacts
2. Coastal Structure Design and Rehabilitation incorporating Stochastic Risk and Uncertainty
3. Understanding the Crossroads of Human and Ecosystem Health
4. Evaluating the Distribution and Geotechnical Properties of Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Sand Resources and Coupled Environmental Responses to Dredging
5. Nearshore Sediment Transport and Sediment Budgets over Decadal Scales

# USCRP COASTAL RESEARCH PRIORITY CATEGORIES

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7. Development of a USCRP Coastal Data Portal
8. Quantifying and Communicating Numerical Model Uncertainty
9. Develop Community Resilience Guidance for Recovery & Mitigation and Adaptation
10. Applied Storm & Recovery Studies as part of the DURING Nearshore Event Experiment (DUNEX)





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## Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units (CESUs)

- Funding mechanism for FY19 awards <http://www.cesu.psu.edu/>
- CESU Network: consortium of federal agencies, tribes, academic institutions, state & local governments, nongovernmental organizations

### If not in CESU Network

- Join: <http://www.cesu.psu.edu/about/join.htm>
- Partner with an existing CESU organization







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## Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units (CESUs)

### Request for Statements of Interests (rSOI) Process:

1. Go to <http://www.cesu.psu.edu/>
2. On the left hand side, choose your “Regional CESU Network”
3. On the Regional page, click on the website
4. rSOIs will be posted on this website
  - a. Regional websites aren’t consistent, be on the lookout for exact location (example shown is South Florida-Caribbean)

The image illustrates the navigation process through three screenshots of the Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units (CESU) website:

- First Screenshot:** Shows the main CESU National Network page. A red circle highlights the "SOUTH FLORIDA - CARIBBEAN" link in the left-hand sidebar under the "REGIONAL NETWORKS" section.
- Second Screenshot:** Shows the specific page for the "SOUTH FLORIDA - CARIBBEAN COOPERATIVE ECOSYSTEM STUDIES UNIT". A red circle highlights the "HOME" link in the left-hand sidebar.
- Third Screenshot:** Shows the "WELCOME TO SFC CESU" page. A red circle highlights the "HOME" link in the top navigation bar.

Blue arrows indicate the flow from the main network page to the regional unit page, and then to the specific unit's homepage.

# EXAMPLE STATEMENT OF INTEREST (SOI)

Include:

- Whether Student Challenge (1-2 yr) or Academic Research (2-3 yr) Study
- Topic #
- Brief description of team, capabilities, and approach

## Student Challenge/ Academic Research Study: Investigation of Nearshore Bathymetry, Topic #X

PI: Name, Organization, Phone: --, Email: --

Co-PI: Name, Organization, Phone: --, Email: --

Student: Name, Organization, Phone: --, Email: --

### Biographical Sketch:

Dr. ABC is Professor of Coastal Sciences at XYZ University (XYZ). Prior to joining XYZ, she was a professor of coastal engineering at QRS. She conducted postdoctoral research at TUV, and doctoral research at DEF. Dr. ABC specializes in the development and application of numerical models for coastal dynamics, the long-term processes driving coastal sediment budgets, and coastal extreme events. Her research includes field experiments and numerical modeling to solve fundamental science questions that inform societally relevant coastal management problems. Dr. ABC has secured over \$15 million of federal, state, and industry research grants, which include the prestigious agency X award.

### Selected Relevant Publications:

ABC, McBride, J.L., Chan, J., Emanuel, K., Holland, G., Landsea, C., Held, I., Kossin, J.P., Srivastava, A.K., and Sugi, M. (2010). Tropical cyclones and climate change. *Nature Geoscience*, 3, 157–163. <https://www.nature.com/articles/ngeo779>, accessed November 14, 2018.

ABC, Graber, C., and Do, K. (2013). Effects of Woody Plants on Dune Erosion and Overwash. *Journal of Waterway, Port, Coastal, and Ocean Engineering*, 139(6), 466–472.

ABC, and Franklin, J.L. (2013). Atlantic hurricane database uncertainty and presentation of a new database format. *Monthly Weather Review*, 141(10), 3576–3592.

ABC, Erikson, L., and Hanson, H. (2004). An analytical model to predict dune erosion due to wave impact. *Coastal Engineering*, 51(8-9), 675–696.

### Relevant Past Projects and Clients with Brief Descriptions of These Projects:

ABC, Analysis of dune development and migration along developed coasts in southeast Florida, funded by Agency G, 2015-2017. (one sentence description of this effort which might emphasize past partnering experiences with other academics, agencies, NGOs)

### Research Team and Capabilities:

The research team consists of Dr. ABC, Dr. CBA (post-doc), and Ph.D. (or Master's) student BCA. Together, they have successfully developed string theory to reveal that sand bars on the west coast know what sand bars on the east coast are doing. Dr. ABC has developed Python code that operates within the new West Coast model test bed to replicate sand bar behavior based on remotely sensed field measurements from southern California and the outer banks of North Carolina. In this three year, \$100,000 study, the team will utilize this model to address Topic #X, enlist the assistance of undergraduate STEM students at XYZ University, leverage the coastal management strategy of the state of Oregon, and make a clear connection to practitioners through facilitated training workshops. This research will provide insights to fundamental science questions that have puzzled nearshore oceanographers since SandyDuck. By resolving the east and west coast sand bar behavior patterns, the research team will better understand the implications of their movement on life safety and coastal infrastructure investments. Lifeguards and coastal managers around the world will be trained to recognize these sand bar patterns and will present their findings to their fellow practitioners at conference Q in Providence, Rhode Island in 2022. The research team will publish their findings in R journal and present their findings at T conference.





# AWARD PROCESS AND APPROXIMATE TIMING (1 OF 2)

Task	Start Date	End Date	Duration, days
Requests for Statements of Interest (RSOI) posted at ( <a href="http://www.cesu.psu.edu/">http://www.cesu.psu.edu/</a> )	7 Jan 2019	17 Jan 2019	10
Contracting Office (CO) processes all submitted Statements of Interest (SOI) and provides them to the USCRP Review Team	18 Jan 2019	28 Jan 2019	10
USCRP Review Team prioritized SOIs	18 Jan 2019	28 Jan 2019	10
USCRP Review Team notify CO of proposers ( <b>vendors</b> ) who should submit a full proposal	28 Jan 2019	29 Jan 2019	1
CO notifies vendors to submit a full proposal	29 Jan 2019	31 Jan 2019	3
Vendors prepare and submit full proposal	31 Jan 2019	28 Feb 2019	28
CO processes proposals and provides them to the USCRP Review Team	28 Feb 2019	10 Mar 2019	10
USCRP Review Team prioritizes Full Proposals	10 Mar 2019	20 Mar 2019	10





# AWARD PROCESS AND APPROXIMATE TIMING (2 OF 2)

Task	Start Date	End Date	Duration, days
USCRP reviewers provides vendor selection and justification to CO	20 Mar 2019	22 Mar 2019	2
CO notifies vendor of selection for award	22 Mar 2019	1 April 2019	10
CO processes contracting package	1 Apr 2019	15 Jun 2019	75
Contract is awarded and vendor proceeds with execution of contract	15 Jun 2019	30 Jun 2019	15





# RESEARCH REQUIREMENTS AND REVIEW CRITERIA

1. **Scope** - topical relevance; applicability to USCRP goals (25%)
2. **Technical and scientific merit** - appropriate methods defined; novel approach (25%)
3. **Experience/staffing** - expertise and experience; graduate student supported; informed by coastal manager (20%)
4. **Budget** - proposed project costs, in-kind contributions (20%)
5. **Products/timeline** (10%)





# US COASTAL RESEARCH PROGRAM FAQS

Following the webinar, a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page will be added to the USCRP website. Responses will be made publicly available to all interested applicants.

The page will be updated periodically throughout the Statements of Interest review process.

Please send additional questions to be included on the FAQ page to **info@uscoastalresearch.org**





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### What can you do now?

- Stay connected. Sign up for USCRP mailing list.
- Learn about the CESU process ([www.cesu.psu.edu](http://www.cesu.psu.edu)).
- Look out for the *Request for SOI*, coming in early January 2019, on coastal list, the USCRP mailing, and USCRP website.

### Still have questions? FAQs will be available soon online.

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