

NY & CT Sea Grant Call for Preliminary Proposals for 2027-2028 Long Island Sound Partnership (LISP) Research Program

Closes at: 5:00 p.m. EDT on Thursday, March 19, 2026.

Connecticut Sea Grant (CTSG) and New York Sea Grant (NYSG) announce the Long Island Sound (LIS) Partnership extramural research program. The intent of this program is to fund research that will support the science-based management of Long Island Sound (LIS) and its resources, and support implementation of the LIS Partnership Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP). The LIS Partnership is a regional, community-based partnership to protect and restore LIS. Information about the Partnership can be found at <https://lispartnership.org/>.

Preliminary proposals are invited for the funding period of January 1, 2027, to December 31, 2028. Any investigator seeking support for this period (or a portion thereof for either one or two years) must submit a preliminary proposal via NYSG's eSea Grant electronic submission website at <http://www.nyseagrant.org/eseagrant> (account registration required) by 5:00 p.m. EDT on Monday, March 19, 2026. Hard copy, email, and fax submissions will NOT be accepted.

Subject to available federal funding, up to approximately \$5.5 million is expected to be available for one- or two-year projects, with a maximum funding level of \$1,000,000 (\$500,000/year cap). The first year of the funding period covered by this Call for Preliminary Proposals is expected to begin on January 1, 2027. Allocation of Year 2 funds, if applicable, will be contingent on satisfactory progress in Year 1, and availability of federal funding. Projects chosen for funding require the completion and approval of a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) before initiation of data collection.

To Apply: Download and read the full Call. It provides details about the Call and instructions for preparing your pre-proposal. When ready to submit your pre-proposal, go to the eSea Grant Submission Platform at <http://www.nyseagrant.org/eseagrant>. You will need to create an account at eSea Grant to be able to submit a preproposal. If you intend to submit a preproposal, it is recommended to create an account now, rather than when you are ready to submit to save you time later. You can create an account anytime by going directly to <http://www.nyseagrant.org/eseagrant>.

A quick guide to using eSea Grant is provided in the links below.

Questions: Contact Lane Smith, Research Coordinator (NYSG) at lane.smith@stonybrook.edu or Syma Ebbin, Research Coordinator (CTSG) at syma.ebbin@uconn.edu.

Informational Webinars:

- **1 pm, Friday, January 23, 2026**

<https://stonybrook.zoom.us/j/94394423396?pwd=ovQ5Gua34M92CdNoKbAXBU1c6by8l7.1>

- **11 am, Thursday, January 29, 2026**

<https://stonybrook.zoom.us/j/95100355006?pwd=2EaAB9A8lztIhbSqli66ftuhj6fnuX.1&jst=3>

Links:

- **RFP:** <https://seagrant.sunysb.edu/funding/PDFs/LISPResearch27-28-RFP.pdf>
- **eSea Grant Quick Guide:** <https://seagrant.sunysb.edu/funding/PDFs/eSeaGrant-UserGuidelines.pdf>
- **Submission website:** <http://www.nyseagrant.org/eseagrant>
- **Long Island Partnership:** <https://lispartnership.org/>
- **CCMP:** lispartnership.org/2025/06/2025-comprehensive-conservation-and-management-plan-ccmp/
- **NY Sea Grant:** www.NYSeaGrant.org
- **CT Sea Grant:** <https://seagrant.uconn.edu/>