By working together, Minnesota and Wisconsin Sea Grants can support larger-scale projects to tackle regional challenges and develop collaborations across state lines that can enrich the expertise of our within-state research teams. We are particularly interested in innovative proposals that integrate environmental and socioeconomic approaches toward solving problems for Lake Superior coastal communities in our states, including communities bordering the St. Louis River Estuary. By understanding ecological and social processes, policies, practices and institutions that impact resource use, we expect to be able to improve the stewardship of our water resources and foster coastal community resilience. Our research priorities complement those of the Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve, our NOAA partner.

2018 – 2020 Research Priorities

The goal of Minnesota Sea Grant’s research program is to fund innovative projects that provide scientific information to help solve coastal and aquatic resource problems and foster economic sustainability. Proposed projects should support our mission to enhance the environment and economies along Lake Superior and inland waters. National Sea Grant currently emphasizes the following focus areas: Healthy Coastal Ecosystems, Resilient Communities and Economies, Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture, and Environmental Literacy and Workforce Development. Within this context and within our funding constraints, we are focusing this special solicitation on collaborative efforts between Minnesota and Wisconsin researchers that fit within our priority research areas.

Minnesota Sea Grant's Mission

Minnesota Sea Grant facilitates interaction among the public and scientists to enhance communities, the environment, and economies along Lake Superior and Minnesota’s inland waters by identifying information needs, fostering research, and communicating results.