NOTE: Respondents will be asked a subset of the below questions based on their role in the process and the timing of the survey (i.e., at the onset of the program in 2020 or after the first round of fellows leaves in 2022).

The most questions any individual respondent will be asked to answer is 26.

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| **QUESTIONS** | **Answer options** |
| 1 | What is your role in the Margaret A. Davidson Graduate Fellowship? Please select the single best choice. | Incoming FellowOutgoing FellowReserve mentorReserve staff (non-mentor)University advisorUniversity sponsored program officerNOAA team |
| 2 | How did you learn about the Davidson Fellowship? | short answer |
| 3 | How effective were reserve outreach materials and social media at improving applicant interest/your interest in submitting a proposal? | 1 - not at all2 - blank3 - somewhat4 - blank5 - veryN/A |
| 4 | How clear were NOAA instructions for the online application process?  | 1 - not at all2 - blank3 - somewhat4 - blank5 - veryN/A |
| 4a | Please explain. | short answer |
| 5 | What were the primary resources that helped you or your student navigate the application process for this Fellowship?  | short answer |
| 6 | Are you aware of any students that couldn’t apply due to issues with the application process? | yes / no |
| 7 | Are you aware of any students who were planning to apply but missed the deadline?  | yes / no |
| 8 | What suggestions do you have for improving the application process to address challenges or barriers?  | short answer |
| 9 | The quality of the proposal(s) we received in the most recent application cycle was high enough to meet the management priorities of the reserve. | 1 - strongly disagree2 - blank3 - blank4 - blank5 - strongly agreenot sure |
| 10 | How many of the proposals received in this cycle were from students who had contacted your reserve during the application period? | NoneSomeMostAllUnsure |
| 11 | How clearly communicated were the instructions for conducting the **panel** review process? | 1 - not at all2 - blank3 - somewhat4 - blank5 - veryN/A |
| 12 | What suggestions do you have for improving the merit review or panel review process?  | short answer |
| 13 | To what extent are you comfortable with the progress made to-date on the work plan?  | 1 - not at all2 - blank3 - to some extent4 - blank5 - to a great extentNot sure |
| 14 | In general, which stakeholder groups do you think are important to work with when doing effective collaborative research? | short answer |
| 15 | At this point in your professional development, where do you think your career path might lead? Check all that apply and add others if applicable. | academicstate or local governmentfederal governmentnon-profitprivate industryother |
| 16 | Given your chosen career path, what knowledge and skills do you feel you need to build or enhance in order to be successful? | short answer |
| 17 | To what extent did the work plan help ensure the goals of the Fellowship were met? | 1 - not at all2 - blank3 - to some extent4 - blank5 - to a great extentNot sure |
| 18 | I feel like I am familiar with priorities and staff at the reserve where I did my Fellowship. | 1 - strongly disagree2 - blank3 - blank4 - blank5 - strongly agreenot sure |
| 19 | I feel that logistical support needed from the reserve during my fellowship was provided. (e.g. facilities, technology) | 1 - strongly disagree2 - blank3 - blank4 - blank5 - strongly agreenot sure |
| 20 | What suggestions do you have for improving the logistical support for fellows?  | short answer |
| 21 | The completed Fellowship project promoted collaboration between researchers and end users. | 1 - strongly disagree2 - blank3 - blank4 - blank5 - strongly agreenot sure |
| 22 | The completed Fellowship project involved multiple reserve sectors | 1 - strongly disagree2 - blank3 - blank4 - blank5 - strongly agreenot sure |
| 23 | To what extent did this Fellowship program increase collaboration among sectors at your reserve? | 1 - not at all2 - blank3 - to some extent4 - blank5 - to a great extentNot sure |
| 24 | To what extent did the completed project support your reserve’s priorities? | 1 - not at all2 - blank3 - to some extent4 - blank5 - to a great extentNot sure |
| 25 | To what extent do you think the results of the completed project will be used in decision-making? | 1 - not at all2 - blank3 - to some extent4 - blank5 - to a great extentNot sure |
| 26 | How were success stories about the Fellow's project shared outside the reserve?  | short answer |
| 27 | To what extent has the mentor development efforts for this Fellowship improved the knowledge, skills, and practices of mentoring at your reserve to-date? | 1 - not at all2 - blank3 - to some extent4 - blank5 - to a great extentNot sure |
| 28 | How did the mentoring support from NOAA in the recently completed fellow cohort influence your experience as a Fellow or Fellow supporter? | short answer |
| 29 | To what extent did this fellowship process increase the interaction between the reserve and colleges/ universities?  | 1 - not at all2 - blank3 - to some extent4 - blank5 - to a great extentNot sure |
| 30 | To what extent did the completed project expand your reserve's collaborative research with universities or other agencies? | 1 - not at all2 - blank3 - to some extent4 - blank5 - to a great extentNot sure |
| 31 | How effective do you think the experiences provided by this Fellowship were at developing your skills necessary to pursue a successful career in estuarine science or coastal management? | 1 - not at all2 - blank3 - somewhat4 - blank5 - veryN/A |
| 32 | To what extent do you feel that this Fellowship helped build your professional network as a leader in coastal and estuarine management? | 1 - not at all2 - blank3 - to some extent4 - blank5 - to a great extentNot sure |
| 33 | To what extent do you feel like you are part of a NERRS/NOAA professional network moving forward? | 1 - not at all2 - blank3 - to some extent4 - blank5 - to a great extentNot sure |
| 34 | To what extent did the completed project expand the scope, caliber, or capacity of research at your reserve? | 1 - not at all2 - blank3 - to some extent4 - blank5 - to a great extentNot sure |
| 34a | Please explain. | short answer |
| 35 | How confident are you that the research completed during this fellowship could be published? | 1 - not at all2 - blank3 - somewhat4 - blank5 - veryN/A |
| 36 | I feel that I had, or knew how to get, the information I needed about the program when I needed it.  | 1 - strongly disagree2 - blank3 - blank4 - blank5 - strongly agreenot sure |
| 37 | What are your suggestions for how we can continue to use this fellowship to encourage inclusion and diversity in the coastal management field? | short answer |
| 38 | Overall, I feel like the Davidson Fellowship is being implemented in a way that will meet the goal of developing the next generation of coastal leaders. | 1 - strongly disagree2 - blank3 - blank4 - blank5 - strongly agreenot sure |
| 39 | Is there anything else you would like us to know as we plan for the next cohort? | short answer |

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