

**Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship Exit Survey***\*for 2019 cohort*

1. First Name
  2. Last Name
  3. Email Address (not a school or NOAA email address)
  4. Are you graduating from your academic institution this semester?
    - ☐ Yes *go to question 7*
    - ☐ No *go to question 5*
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5. Please describe why you're not graduating this year.
  6. When do you anticipate graduating? [Dropdown lists]
    - ☐ Winter ☐ 2021
    - ☐ Fall ☐ 2022
    - ☐ Spring ☐ 2023
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**Voluntary Demographic Information**

*NOAA collects demographic information to learn how the Hollings scholarship program can improve in serving its scholars. The following information is voluntary and there are no consequences if you choose not to provide a response.*

7. Race (Select all that apply)
  - ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
  - ☐ Asian
  - ☐ Black or African American
  - ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
  - ☐ White
  - ☐ Hispanic or Latino
  - ☐ Middle Eastern or North African
8. Sex
  - ☐ Female
  - ☐ Male

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### Future Plans

10. What are your plans after obtaining your undergraduate degree?
- ☐ Pursue post-baccalaureate study
  - ☐ Pursue a master's degree
  - ☐ Pursue a doctoral degree (e.g. PhD)
  - ☐ Pursue a professional degree (e.g. M.D., J.D., etc.)
  - ☐ Seek employment
  - ☐ Take a gap year
  - ☐ Undecided
  - ☐ Other
11. Did your participation in the Hollings scholarship program help prepare you for your future plans?
- ☐ Yes
  - ☐ No
12. Are you interested in working for NOAA when you're ready to enter the workforce?
- ☐ Yes
  - ☐ No
13. Please describe your interest in working for NOAA.
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### Virtual Experience

14. Due to the pandemic, many NOAA facilities and work activities have been adapted to a virtual setting. With this in mind, please select the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements. (*strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree*)
- ☐ I feel that the COVID-19 pandemic negatively impacted my scholarship experience.
  - ☐ I was able to network with other professionals during my scholarship experience.
  - ☐ I was unable to participate in program activities that I looked forward to participating in.

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15. How did the virtual internship experience impact what you gained from the Hollings scholarship program?
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### Overall Program Experience

16. Please select the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.  
(*strongly disagree, disagree, neither agree or disagree, agree, strongly agree*)

**My participation in the Hollings scholarship program...**

- ☐ provided me with multidisciplinary training in oceanic and atmospheric science, research, technology, and education.
- ☐ increased my understanding and support for stewardship of the ocean and atmosphere.
- ☐ improved my environmental literacy.
- ☐ prepared me for a public service career with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and other natural resource and science agencies at the Federal, State and Local levels of government.
- ☐ prepared me for a career as a teacher and educator in oceanic and atmospheric science to improve scientific and environmental education in the United States.

17. Please select the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.  
(*strongly disagree, disagree, neither agree or disagree, agree, strongly agree*)

- ☐ The Hollings scholarship program was valuable for my academic and professional development.
- ☐ I had an overall positive experience with the Hollings scholarship program.
- ☐ I would recommend the Hollings scholarship program to other students.
- ☐ I feel connected to other Hollings program scholars.
- ☐ I feel connected to my internship mentor.
- ☐ My personal goals for participating in this program have been met.

18. What recommendations for improvement do you have for the Hollings scholarship program?

## **Public Burden Statement**

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**NOAA Routine Uses:** NOAA will use this information to evaluate and assess student data and information for the purpose of selecting successful candidates for scholarships, fellowships and internships, generating internal NOAA reports, and articles to demonstrate the success of its program.

Disclosure of this information is permitted under the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a) to be shared among NOAA staff for work-related purposes. Disclosure of this information is also subject to all of the published routine uses as identified in the Privacy Act System of Records Notice Commerce/NOAA-14, Office of Education, Educational Partnership Program (EPP/MSI); Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship Program and National Marine Fisheries Service Recruitment, Training, and Research Program.

**Obligation to Respond:** Furnishing this information is voluntary; however, failure to provide information may prevent consideration of your application for the program.