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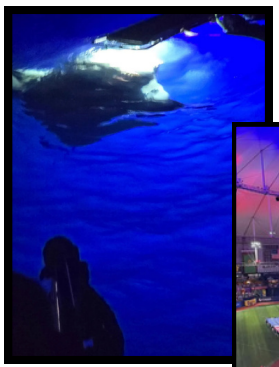
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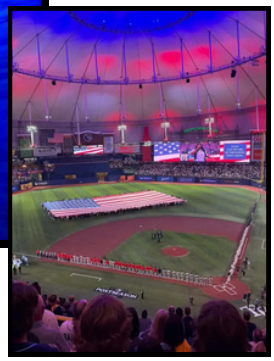


Thanks to the support of our amazing community, we raised over $600 during the 2026 fisHER Adventure Classic. These funds will support two Early Career Awards and help cover our annual operating expenses. The Early Career Awards help women navigate the challenging transition from student to fisheries professional, providing crucial support as they start their careers. So far, Women of Fisheries has supported 10 deserving women in 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026. Stay tuned for a call for applications coming in November.



Throughout the campaign, we showcased the Women of Fisheries mission and people working behind the scenes to make our organization work, shared how previous Early Career Award winners used their funds, discussed continuing challenges that women face, celebrated some "fish bumps" for recent achievements, and most of all enjoyed interacting with our community and allies. We also loved seeing our members get outdoors, enjoy nature, and connect with each other throughout the month. See below for some of the adventures that were shared.





Find more member adventures on our blog

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Alex walking through the arches of Magdelen College during Oxford Open Doors.

Moving Abroad for Fisheries Research

By Alex Moller

The globalization of science has led many women in fisheries to work or study abroad. I missed out on study abroad opportunities during my undergraduate schooling and my international graduate work trips were canceled due to the pandemic. Finally, as a post-doc I was able to secure a job in the United Kingdom at University of Oxford! It was a truly amazing experience, but it highlighted some major roadblocks faced by anyone, but especially women, trying to work abroad.

Before you even get to another country the visa process is a vacuous effort and money pit that makes you question if the opportunity is even worth it. After I got the offer from Oxford, I had to immediately start the visa process, all while I was still wrapping up my dissertation and preparing for my defense. The paperwork for a visa is stressful, and you will have lots of questions that are hyper-specific to your case. Luckily, Oxford assigns each international applicant a case worker, but not all companies or universities are like that. Either way, you will be losing quite a few hours to the visa process over the course of a few months. Most people assume visas are entirely paperwork, but there are a few steps that have to happen in person....

Read the full blog where Alex's details the challenges and advice for those considering research abroad

Moving abroad was not a complete money pit and waste of time, there were many awesome benefits! Being in the UK gave me easy access to all of Europe with plenty of days off for travel. Going abroad is a great chance to explore places you never would have gotten a chance to explore otherwise. Some items are also priced differently in other countries. I got designer Barbour wellies for much cheaper in the UK and still wear them around New England on soggy days. Work-wise, I was surprised by the diversity of my colleagues and enjoyed meeting people from all over the world working on cutting edge research. Being at a unique university like Oxford meant I spent more time with researchers of all fields instead of locked in my department. If you get the chance to work abroad, seize it, but make sure you are prepared for the initial barriers!



Left to right: The Radcliffe Camera at the University of Oxford. Alex enjoying the panoramic view of Brescia, Italy while at a class on agent-based modeling

Fishing for Opportunities



Student Opportunities

Position: Margaret A. Davidson Grad Fellowship
Organization: NOAA
Deadline: 12/07/26

Position: MS Assistantship, Recreational Fisheries
Organization: Auburn
Deadline: 11/22/26

Position: MS Assistantship (2), Coastal Fish Ecology
Organization: Southern Louisiana State University
Deadline: 12/15/26

Job Opportunities

Position: Professor & Director, CEDB
Organization: University of West Florida
Deadline: 12/01/26

Position: Marine Scientist, Fisheries Observer
Organization: Fathom Resources
Deadline: 12/12/26

Position: Fish Culture Supervisor
Organization: Maine Inland Fisheries
Deadline: 11/13/26

Position: Data Management Specialist 2
Organization: Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
Deadline: 11/16/26

Do you know someone who should be featured in a Fish Sister Profile or Research Highlight?

Nominate them now! Self nominations are also encouraged

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Click the button below to make a quick one-time or monthly contribution to the Women of Fisheries, Inc. Funds will be used solely to fund our many initiatives for supporting women in fisheries. We are a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, so your contribution is tax deductible. Thank you!

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