

**Legislative Host Information 2005
Placement Week November 15-19, 2004**

Office Name: Office of Congressman Allen

How many total staff are in your DC office? (Select one option, mark with X)

1-5	
6-10	x
> 10	

Have you previously hosted a Sea Grant fellow (Select one option, mark with X)

Yes	x
No	

If yes, how many Fellows have you hosted?

Does your office accept non-United States (foreign) citizens? (Select one option, mark with X)

Yes	x
No	

Office Overview

Brief Overview of Your Office's work: (Please limit to 150 words.)

Representing the interests of the people of the 1st District of Maine, as well as the entire state. Congressman also active on a variety of national issues, from prescription drugs to clean air to education and oceans issues.

Assignment Description.

Estimated Fellow Travel, Out-of-Office: (Select one option, mark with X)

0 days / month	
1-3 days / month	x
4-7 days / month	
8-10 days / month	
> 2 weeks / month	

Desired Background Skills: Please list. (e.g. strong written / oral communication skills, knowledge of Microsoft PowerPoint software, etc.).

Strong writing skills
Ability to work independently on projects as well as in a group setting
Ability to navigate policy issues through a minefield of interested parties
Interest in politics and the legislative process
Flexibility to jump from project to project

Please list the House/Senate offices & committees with which you work closely.

House Energy and Commerce Committee (Congressman serves on	House Resources Committee (on oceans issues)
House Armed Services Committee	

In 300 words or less, please describe the tasks, duties, or projects the fellow will undertake, the skills a fellow will gain, and the deliverables a fellow can expect to produce from completing these tasks.

The fellow's primary responsibility is to serve as the Congressman's staff for the House Oceans Caucus (he is one of four co-chairs). The fellow is given wide latitude to set the agenda and the activities of the Caucus, working with the other co-chairs, the membership, and interested parties of the broad oceans community. In this position, the fellow will be active on a range of oceans issues, including governance, environmental protection, global warming, and biodiversity.

The fellow will assist the House Oceans Caucus in re-introducing and promoting the OCEANS-21 Act, which tracks the recommendations of the two national oceans commissions; advocate for funding for NOAA and other oceans-related programs; coordinate Capitol Hill Oceans Week; and organize several briefings on topical issues.

The fellow is also responsible for handling fisheries and related issues, which are important to this coastal Maine district. Fellow will be active in advocating the Congressman's fisheries legislation (such as H.R. 2621, the he Fishing Quota Standards Act), and communicating with the region's fishing community about fishing regulation debates.

The fellow will gain experience in learning how Congress and the legislative process work; be able to work with a Member of Congress on an almost daily basis; advocate for oceans-related policies; and expand his/her network of contacts in the oceans community.