

Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation

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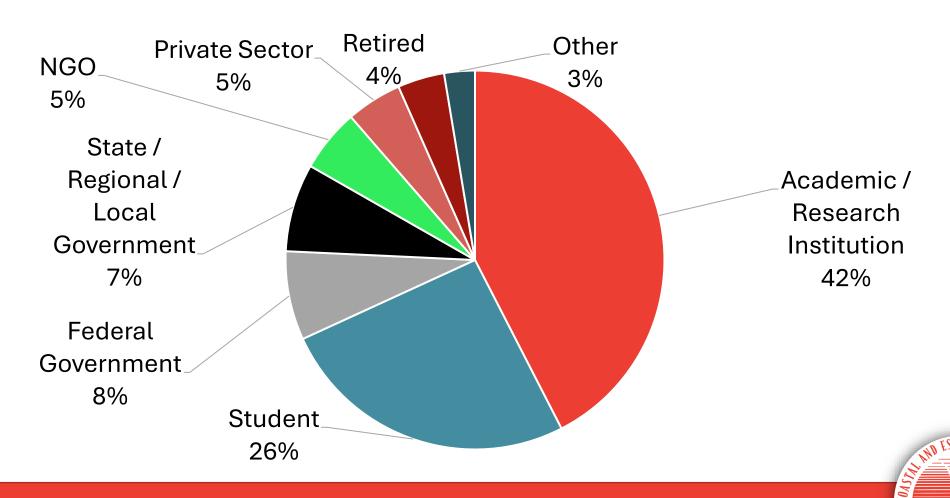
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Who we are

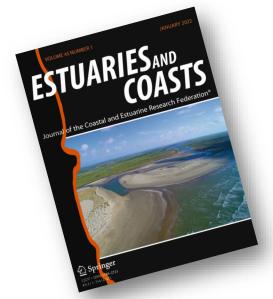




Core CERF Activities

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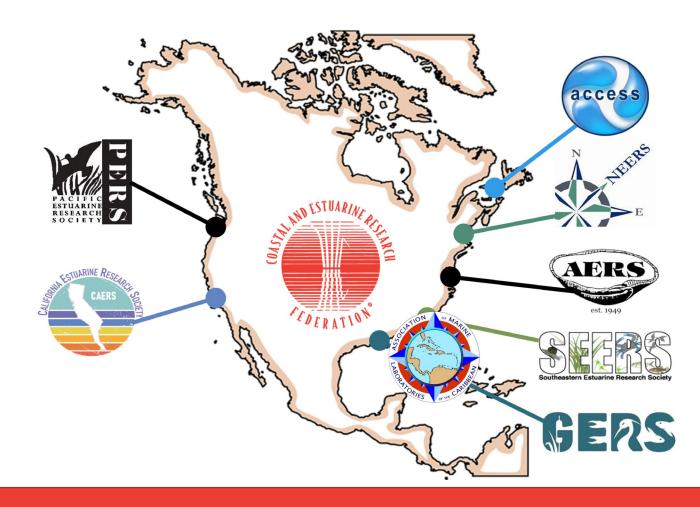
To advance the **understanding** and **wise stewardship** of coastal and estuarine ecosystems worldwide







Affiliate Societies







Visions V: 2023-2026 CERF Strategic Plan

Goals:

- 1. Advocate for Estuaries and Coasts
- 2. Enhance Member Value
- 3. Promote and Support **Equity and Justice**



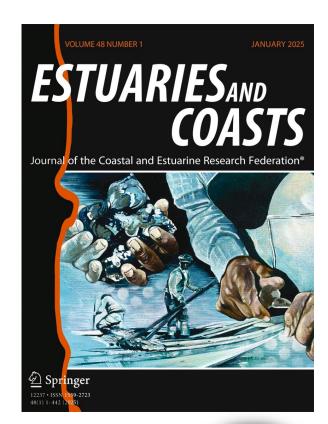
CERF 2025 Abstract Titles

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Estuaries and Coasts

- Management Applications: demonstrate application of research results to address contemporary estuarine and coastal management, socioeconomic, and policy issues
- Estuary and Coast Signatures: describe estuaries and coasts that are currently underrepresented or poorly characterized in the literature worldwide







Coastal and Estuarine Science News

- Highlights the latest research in *Estuaries and Coasts* that is relevant to environmental managers
- Free e-newsletter delivered to subscribers every two months
- Available in English and Spanish
- Links to read-only full text of original articles

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Enhancing shore protection and providing habitat in Florida

Living shorelines can help protect coasts while enhancing ecological value, and many communities are turning to them as an alternative to bulkheads and seawalls. But can living shorelines also be used as a way to retrofit failing armored infrastructures?







Communities of Practice



Facilitate information exchange by connecting experts and practitioners across the world



Promote coordination of activities



Encourage use of most appropriate methods and technologies



Share lessonslearned and advice



Serve as a repository for articles, manuals, reports, grey literature, and other resources





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About the Mapping category

The Mapping category is a place for SAV mapping practitioners to talk. Here we focus on remote sensing methods, tools, data and best practices (Tier I*). * Neckles et al 2012 Please use the Monitoring in the Field cate... read more

Recent summary papers on SAV monitoring and mapping?

Remote Sensing Toolkit

Aerial firms we've used

Transitioning from visual image interpretation to semi-automated segmentation methods for seagrass mapping

Writing a request for services for seagrass mapping satellite, aerial

Advice Please: Timing of concurrent remote sensing surveys

SAV Mapping and Monitoring Community of Practice







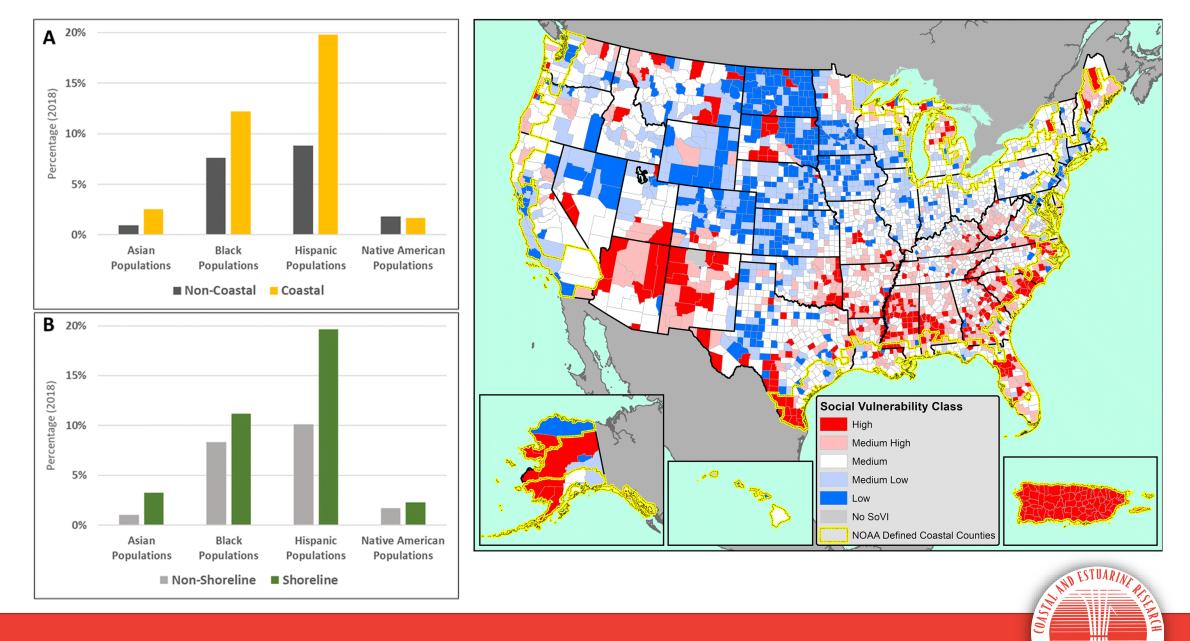
Commitment to Inclusion



Promote and Support Equity & Justice:

Foster greater diversity, equity, inclusion, justice, and accessibility (DEIJA) in the coastal and estuarine research, management, and policy communities and ensure that DEIJA is considered in all the work of CERF





From: Harris et al. 2022. A Socio-ecological Imperative for Broadening Participation in Coastal and Estuarine Research and Management





The 12-month program provides:

- Funding, including an annual stipend, to attend:
 - CERF Conference
 - Affiliate Society meeting
 - Restore America's Estuaries
 Summit
- Professional and near-peer mentors
- Professional development
- CERF membership

Supports students from groups underrepresented in our disciplines to pursue careers in coastal and estuarine science and management



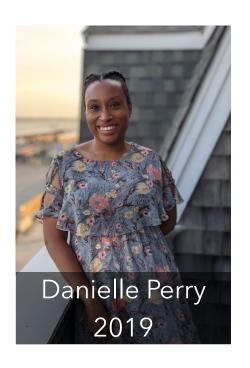












Next Generation CERF Leaders



Brings together a diverse cohort of coastal and estuarine professionals at all career stages to be more inclusive leaders and affect culture change in the field



The 12-month program provides funding, including an annual stipend, to attend:

- three in-person events, including the CERF conference and two retreats
- monthly virtual workshops, coaching sessions, and group discussions

Knowledge areas

- DEIJA foundations
- Leadership skills
- Capacity to drive change





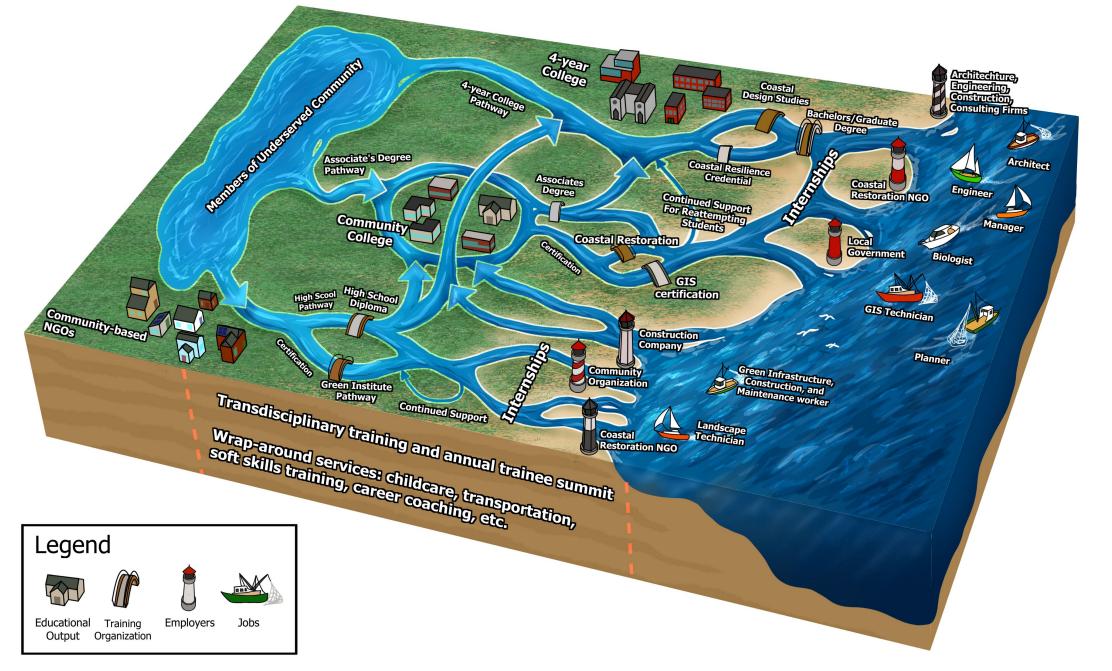


Coastal Design Competition



- Student/faculty teams propose research, design solutions, and innovative strategies to make coastal environments more resilient
- Students receive transdisciplinary training
- Vulnerable, underserved communities receive actionable designs





Adapted from Batchelor, et al. 2021. Reimagining STEM Workforce Development as a Braided River



Collaboration



Consortium of Aquatic Science Societies





National Estuarine Research Reserve











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