

The Donald Maxwell Award

The Society of Maritime Industries (SMI) is offering a competitive award to support students studying for qualifications in subjects related to Marine Engineering and Technology.

In particular, those students who have undertaken a dissertation that addresses a need in the industry with a prospect of commercial application.

The Donald Maxwell Trust, which is administered by IMarEST on behalf of SMI, provides a single payment of £1000 to the winning student.

The winning student will be invited to SMI's Annual Reception held at the House of Lords, where they will be presented with the award. Reasonable travel expenses to get to London for this event will be provided.

The final date for submissions is 31st July 2023.

Criteria for Entry.

Nominations should be made by faculty members at UK Universities and Colleges with appropriate courses (i.e those which have a significant amount of content related to Marine Engineering and/or Marine Technology).

Dissertations must have been through the university assessment process before submittal for the award.

Dissertations must have been written by individuals.

Dissertations must have been written by 3rd Year students.

The nominated students must be UK residents and it is the responsibility of the University or College to ensure this is the case.

Where possible nominated students should be existing Student members of the IMarEST. If they are not, the IMarEST will require them to become members before progressing the nomination (Student membership is free of charge).

Preference is given in particular for students who have undertaken a dissertation that addresses a need in the industry with a prospect of commercial application.

Assessment Criteria

The dissertations will be assessed against a predetermined criteria by an SMI appointed judging panel. This judging panel will then have sole responsibility for awarding the available scholarship from the submitted dissertations.

This year's judging panel consists of representatives from BAE Systems, Briggs Marine, GE Power, MacDuff Ship Design, Port of Tyne and Rolls Royce.

The assessment criteria are as follows:

An Executive Summary (max 500 words) (5 points)

The Topic - Assessment of the originality of the topic, which includes thinking beyond the course content, and its potential commercial application (10 points)

Knowledge of the subject - Assessment of the candidate's knowledge of the subject including assessment of literature review/introduction (25 points)

The Dissertation - Assessment of the candidate's dissertation, the research element (50 points)

Grammatical and Spelling Accuracy - Assessment of the candidate's ability to explain their work succinctly and effectively, also examining spelling and grammar (10 points)

Nomination Process

Dissertations must be submitted in electronic PDF accompanied by a covering letter with a supporting statement from the dissertation supervisor which describes how the dissertation fulfils the criteria.

The submission should include full name, confirmation of UK residency and email address for the nominated student.

Applications should be sent to awards@imarest.org clearly stating that the submission is an application for the SMI Donald Maxwell Award, following the criteria above. Deadline: 31st July.

The author of the successful dissertation and the nominator will be informed in early September by SMI directly.

For further questions, please contact Amelia.Boyd@maritimeindustries.org