



IMarEST MMOA Bursary for aspiring Marine Mammal Observers

Criteria

The IMarEST MMOA Bursary supported by the IMarEST Don Bootle fund and the MMOA is targeted at aspiring mammal observers (MMOs) / protected species observers (PSOs) and passive acoustic monitoring (PAM) operators. The purpose of the bursary is to provide observers and operators with the necessary resources to allow them to enhance their skills and expertise through participating in relevant specialised training programs and / or by obtaining equipment.

The bursary can be used to fund training programs and / or purchase equipment. Such courses would include JNCC MMO training certifications or equivalent, field internships, work experience, and other relevant courses, etc.

In return the awardees will need to work with the IMarEST to promote and report on their activity. Upon completing the training or work experience, the award recipient will be asked to write a short article on the experience and its value. This article can be published on an IMarEST blog, the MMOA website, and via social media channels. By working together, the aim is to promote the benefit of marine engineering, science and technology, raise awareness of the importance of the oceans and the public benefits provide by ocean service and raise the profile of marine engineering, science and technology and the IMarEST.

To apply an individual must be:

- A current IMarEST member
- An Associate Member of the Marine Mammal Observer Association (MMOA)
- An aspiring mammal observer (MMOs) / protected species observer (PSOs) or passive acoustic monitoring (PAM) operator

Application Requirements

The application requires:

- Contact details
- A description of training and / or equipment including statement of purpose, method, and impact
- Personal Statement: Description of why the applicant believes they would benefit from attending the course, internship or specific equipment sought along with, and what it means to the applicant
- Contact details for a referee who is willing to provide a written statement in support of your application

Submission Deadline

Applications should be received by 31 January each year.



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Award

The bursary will fund up to £750 (GBP) for successful applicants. Recipients will also receive a certificate.

Rules of the Award

- The judging panel will consider all properly submitted nominations and any materials supplied in support of them.
- The decision of the IMarEST Board of Trustees (BOT) is final.
- Materials submitted in support of any nomination will be accepted on the condition that:
 - The IMarEST may disclose the names of the winner;
 - The applicant agrees that disclosure of material submitted in support of the application does not breach the terms of any contract of employment or any other contract, and that there is entitlement to make use of the material.

FAQs

When will I receive a response to my application?

We aim to respond to applicants within 30 days after the deadline, with a confirmation of the next round of judging dates.

When will I receive the funding, if my application is successful?

The bursary will be awarded within 30 days of approval of your application assuming bank details are provided and there are no problems with bank transfers. Evidence of expenditure needs to be submitted to the IMarEST in all cases, be it for items already purchased or items planned to be purchased.

Will I be expected to do anything else after I have received a grant?

If your project is ultimately funded, the IMarEST will ask you to promote the support you have received via social media, blogs and other local media, such as newspapers. Alongside any receipts for expenditure of the grant, you will also be asked for a written report and any photos you have of the project. You will also be asked to write a short article on the training and / or equipment and its value. This article can be published on an IMarEST blog, the MMOA website, and via social media channels.

I have another question that is not answered here. Who can I contact?

If you have any other queries, please email awards@imarest.org.