



The Elisabeth Mann Borgese Bursary

International Ocean Institute

Application Guidelines

The International Ocean Institute

The Institute promotes the concept of Ocean Governance, including Integrated Ocean Policy, for planning and management of the oceans at the national, regional and global level.

Amongst others, the goals of IOI are to:

- Contribute to the evolving process of Ocean Governance through its functions and activities.
- Mobilise the political will to elaborate appropriate maritime laws and regulations, to implement national and regional plans and international agreements on the management and sustainable use of the Ocean, coasts and islands through a global network of Operational Centres.
- Raise awareness of the peaceful uses of the Ocean, its protection and conservation, as well as the sustainable development of its resources, and in accordance with the principle of the common heritage of humankind.
- Engage in the dissemination of information, the sharing and transfer of knowledge and experience.
- Contribute to the development and growth of developing countries and countries in transition, through institution building and networking at national and regional levels in the field of sustainable uses of the Ocean.
- Respond to the needs of developing countries, particularly coastal communities, by increasing their abilities to develop and manage the ocean and coastal resources sustainably.

(Extracts from the IOI Statutes and Rules of Procedure)

The Elisabeth Mann Borgese Bursary (EMB Bursary)

The EMB Bursary has been established by IOI as a means of demonstrating both recognition to the host country of the IOI – Malta – for hosting the IOI Headquarters and providing facilities for staff and offices and also to achieve the establishment of a memorial to the founder of the IOI.

Thus the **EMB Bursary consists of a sum of Euros 3,500 (Euros three thousand five hundred only)**, which may be used by the awardee in furthering her/his research in ocean related studies over the period of a year. The Bursary shall be announced annually within the academic year and awarded to one person/research team. Eligible applicants shall be those students or staff of the University of Malta carrying out postgraduate studies in the field of marine sciences, ocean governance and/or maritime affairs. Applicants must be registered with the University of Malta Faculties of Science, Laws, or other Faculty, Institute or Centre where research in the relevant fields is carried out. Registration on a programme at the University of Malta should be valid for the duration of the bursary.

The awardee shall use the Bursary to assist in furthering her/his studies/research in ocean/marine/maritime related studies at the University of Malta. At the end of the Bursary period the awardee is to present a brief/paper of the attainments of the funded research to the IOI and which may be eligible for publication in the IOI's Ocean Yearbook and may also form the basis of a public presentation held as part of the World Ocean Day Celebration of IOI the following 8th June or any other occasion deemed appropriate by the IOI.

The intellectual property rights of the research presented and having been carried out within the duration of the bursary allocation shall rest with the awardee and the IOI. Any publication, paper, presentation of the research funded by the Bursary shall make reference to the Bursary and to IOI.

In Brief:

Aims of the EMB Bursary

- To provide financial impetus to the research carried out by post graduate students or staff registered in any Faculty, Institute or Centre belonging to the University of Malta where research in the relevant fields is carried out. The Bursary is financed through the IOI's Capacity Development Programme.
- To provide deliverables in the form of research material; this may be used by IOI in furthering its research and publications on the oceans.
- To encourage the formation of relationships between the IOI and postgraduate researchers in the different fields of ocean/marine research and to contribute towards IOI's outreach and capacity building mandate.

Deliverables

- At the end of the bursary period the awardee is to present a brief/paper of the attainments of the funded research to the IOI. The intellectual property rights of the research presented and having been carried out within the duration (1 year) of the bursary allocation in the calendar year shall rest with the awardee and the IOI.
- Any other publication, paper, presentation of the research funded by the Bursary shall make reference to the Bursary and to IOI.
- The research paper may be eligible for publication in the IOI's Ocean Yearbook following appropriate review.
- The work produced may also form the basis of a public presentation held as part of the World Ocean Day Celebration of IOI the following 8th June or any other occasion deemed appropriate by the IOI.

Expected Outcomes

- The Bursary constitutes a further recognition and acknowledgement of the role of Prof E Mann Borgese, founder of IOI and her considerable achievements.
- Encourage further research in the field of marine sciences, ocean governance and/or maritime affairs in matters relating to the governance of the seas and oceans and which tallies with the interests of the IOI in this field.
- Strengthen relationships between IOI and the Government of Malta and the University of Malta.
- Endow the research capabilities of talented researchers in the areas of ocean/marine research.
- Contribute towards IOI's outreach and capacity building mandate.

Context of the Bursary

Elisabeth Mann Borgese (April 24, 1918 - February 8, 2002), founded the IOI in 1972 as a knowledge based non-governmental, non-profit international organization devoted to the sustainable development of the oceans and IOI works to uphold and expand the principles enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea for the benefit of humankind as a whole, with particular consideration of the poor. The **mission of the International Ocean Institute** is to promote education, training and research to enhance the peaceful uses of ocean space and its

resources, their management and regulation as well as the protection and conservation of the marine environment, guided by the principle of the Common Heritage of Mankind.

Arvid Pardo (February 12, 1914 – June 19, 1999) – a close collaborator of Elisabeth Mann Borgese – was a Maltese diplomat, scholar, and university professor. He is better known internationally for his work to reform the law of the sea. On 1 November 1967, he called on the UN General Assembly international regulations to ensure peace at sea, to prevent further pollution and to protect ocean resources. He proposed that the seabed constitutes part of the common heritage of mankind, a phrase that appears in Article 136 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Malta, host country of the International Ocean Institute Headquarters, is an island state straddling the centre of the Mediterranean Sea and with a long history of dependence on the sea as well as a strong tradition of maritime, fishing and seafaring occupation. Its membership of the European Union confers on it an obligation to adhere to the European maritime and fishing policies as well as conventions and regulations which are global in scope.

It is proposed that as a means of demonstrating both recognition to the host country of the IOI – Malta – for hosting the IOI Headquarters and providing facilities for staff and offices and also to achieve the establishment of a memorial to the founder of the IOI – an annual Bursary be established for which students studying at the University of Malta be eligible.

The Bursary shall consist of an annual sum which shall be used by the awardee in furthering her/his research in ocean related studies over the period of a year. The Bursary shall be announced annually within the academic year and awarded to one person/research team. Eligible applicants shall be those students of carrying out postgraduate studies in the field of marine sciences, ocean governance and/or maritime affairs. Applicants must be registered with the University of Malta Faculties of Science, Laws, or other Faculty, Department or Institute where research in the relevant fields is carried out.

The awardee shall use the Bursary to assist in furthering her/his studies/research in ocean/marine/maritime related studies at the University of Malta. At the end of the Bursary period the awardee is to present a brief/paper of the attainments of the funded research to the IOI and which may be eligible for publication in the IOI's Ocean Yearbook and may also form the basis of a public presentation held as part of the World Ocean Day Celebration of IOI the following 8th June or any other occasion deemed appropriate by the IOI.

The intellectual property rights of the research presented and having been carried out within the duration of the bursary allocation shall rest with the awardee and the IOI.

Any publication, paper, presentation of the research funded by the Bursary shall make reference to the Bursary and to IOI.

Conditions of the Bursary

The award of the annual Bursary shall be decided by a Board composed of members of the IOI as well as persons nominated by the Government of Malta and the University of Malta.

The Bursary shall consist of a sum of Euros 3,500 (Euros three thousand five hundred only), which sum shall be used by the awardee in furthering her/his research in ocean related studies over the period of a year. The Bursary shall be announced annually within the academic year and awarded by the Board to one person/research team.

Funding of the Bursary

The Bursary is funded as an annual apportionment of funds out of the IOI's Programme; and

therefore subject to the condition that it is awarded to post graduate students or staff registered in any Faculty, Institute or Centre belonging to the University of Malta carrying out research activities in ocean related fields.

Eligible Applicants

In order to be eligible to apply for the Bursary, the applicant should fulfill all of the following criteria and be able to supply supporting documentation as required:

- Be registered as a postgraduate student of the University of Malta, or be a member of staff at the University of Malta.
- Be already in possession of a first degree
- Be actively involved in research at the University of Malta relating to ocean matters

Obligations of the awardee

The awardee shall use the Bursary to assist in furthering her/his studies/research in ocean/marine/maritime related studies at the University of Malta. At the end of the one-year period the awardee is to present a brief/paper of the attainments of the funded research to the IOI and which may be eligible for publication in the IOI's Ocean Yearbook and may also form the basis of a public presentation held as part of the World Ocean Day Celebration of IOI the following 8th June or any other occasion deemed appropriate by the IOI.

Intellectual Property of the Research

The intellectual property rights of the research presented and having been carried out within the duration (1 year) of the bursary allocation shall rest with the awardee and the IOI.

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The IOI reserves the right to publicize the award both locally and internationally through its channels of communication including the publishing of details of the awardee and the researched material.