

Fictional Exemplars

For Guidance Purposes Only

This exemplar is a fictional application created solely to demonstrate the expected standard, structure, and level of detail required for an IMarEST Student Bursary submission. It is intended to guide applicants and illustrate the minimum level of clarity, completeness, and professionalism expected in a strong application.

IMarEST bursaries support undergraduate and postgraduate students, apprentices, and cadets who are studying or working in marine engineering, marine science, marine technology, or a closely related field. The bursaries aim to help Student Members undertake technical research or community projects that contribute to the marine profession.

IMarEST Student Bursary Application Form



IMarEST bursaries are targeted at undergraduate and postgraduate students, cadets and apprentices studying or working in marine engineering, marine science and marine technology and related topics. The purpose of the bursaries are to encourage and support IMarEST Student members to work on technical research projects or community based projects.

To apply an individual must be:

- Current IMarEST Student (SIMarEST) member
- Enrolled in a full time undergraduate or postgraduate course or undertaking a cadetship or apprenticeship at time of application
- Studying topics or working (if an apprentice) in a field related to marine engineering, science or technology

Please complete this form online and send us the saved completed form via e-mail to awards@imarest.org

SECTION 1 – PERSONAL DETAILS

1.1 Contact Information

Surname/Family Name	Doe
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1.2 Education

Current Course	BSc Marine Biology
Institution	Athens Institute of Marine Engineering & Science
Date Started	01 September 2024
Course Duration	Four years (full time)
Performance Indicator (please provide modules studied and grades received)	Marine Vertebrate Biology: 71 Marine Ecology: 68 Oceanographic Processes: 72 Marine Conservation Biology: 67 Field Research Skills: to be confirmed Mediterranean Marine Systems: to be confirmed
Previous Qualifications	Apolytirio Lykeio (General Lyceum Certificate) Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics concentration Final Grade: 18.7 out of 20

SECTION 2 – PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Please give a brief overview of your project or activity including statement of purpose, method, and impact.

Activity Title: Attendance at the 37th Annual European Cetacean Society Conference, Dundee, Scotland, 20 to 24 April 2026

The European Cetacean Society Conference for 2026 will take place in Dundee, Scotland, from 20 to 24 April 2026. The programme includes student training workshops, keynote presentations, oral and poster sessions, technical events and professional networking opportunities focused on cetacean research, monitoring techniques and wider marine conservation topics.

I intend to participate in the full programme and have submitted an abstract for a student poster presentation on marine mammal presence in the Saronic Gulf using acoustic recordings collected through my undergraduate research. Attending ECS 2026 will allow me to expand my scientific knowledge, develop professional networks and explore new approaches to cetacean science that are relevant to Mediterranean ecosystems.

I am also an active member of the IMarEST Marine Mammals Special Interest Group. In addition to attending the event and presenting my work, I will record my experience at the conference and interview speakers and delegates. This digital media content will be produced for IMarEST to support student engagement, outreach and promotion of professional development opportunities. I will also prepare a written blog for the Marine Mammals Special Interest Group to highlight key insights from the event.

SECTION 3 – APPLICANT PERSONAL STATEMENT

3.1 Purpose of funding

Please give details of how you intend to use the funding and how the project supports the IMarEST mission and vision

I am requesting support to cover travel from Athens to the United Kingdom, rail travel to Dundee, four nights of accommodation, conference registration and essential local transport. These costs represent a significant financial challenge for a full time student based in Greece.

Attending ECS 2026 will allow me to access advanced knowledge, present my research and contribute creatively to the IMarEST community through digital media and written outputs.

I will cover the remaining balance of the total cost through personal savings and income from my part time employment. I work approximately twelve hours each week during the academic period, which allows me to contribute towards academic and professional development opportunities. Support from the IMarEST bursary will make attendance at ECS 2026 possible by reducing the financial impact.

Budget Summary

Item	Estimated Cost
Return flights Athens to Edinburgh	£260
Rail travel Edinburgh to Dundee (return)	£42
Conference registration (student rate)	£250
Accommodation in Dundee (4 nights)	£380
Local transport and subsistence	£80
Total Estimated Cost	£1,012

I understand that the IMarEST bursary provides up to £500 for Group A applicants and that this contribution will support my attendance.

3.2 Candidate Statement

What does this award mean to you and, if awarded, how will it help you? Please provide any additional information or statements if applicable.

My degree in Marine Biology has given me a strong foundation in ecology, species monitoring and environmental science. I have developed a particular interest in marine mammals and acoustic research methods that support conservation in the Eastern Mediterranean. My current project focuses on the analysis of acoustic recordings to identify the presence and behaviour of dolphins and porpoises in the Saronic Gulf.

Attending the ECS Conference will enhance my knowledge of cetacean research methods and provide valuable opportunities to receive feedback on my work. Presenting my poster will help build my confidence and communication skills.

In addition to academic benefits, I will create digital media for IMarEST to support student engagement. This work aligns with my interests in science communication and broadens the impact of my participation. Producing video content and interviewing researchers will help inspire more students to become active within IMarEST and consider attending future scientific conferences.

This bursary will support my ambitions to work in marine mammal conservation or offshore environmental monitoring in Greece or internationally.

3.3 Outreach

Please give details of how, if funded, you will present the outcomes of your project to IMarEST members

If awarded the bursary, I will share the outcomes of my experience with the IMarEST community and my institution through the following actions:

- A seminar at the Hellenic Institute of Marine and Environmental Studies
- A blog for the IMarEST Marine Mammals Special Interest Group
- Filmed digital media content, including interviews with speakers and delegates, produced for IMarEST to support outreach and member engagement

These contributions will support students and early career professionals across the IMarEST community.

SECTION 4 – REFEREE DETAILS

Note to referee – by signing this form you hereby state that you are in support of the candidate’s application for an IMarEST Student Bursary and believe all information given to be correct. Please note that you may be contacted to provide a written statement in support of this application.

Title	Dr
Full Name	Vasilis Petropoulos
Job Title	Senior Lecturer in Marine Technology
Institution	Athens Institute of Marine Engineering
Email Address	vpetropoulos@example.com
Signature	<i>Example signature</i>

SECTION 5 – APPLICANT DECLARATION

Have you ever applied for an IMarEST award before?

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Give details (if applicable)

N/A

I confirm that I have met the criteria for this award and all information given in this application and any supporting documents is correct. I hereby apply for an IMarEST student bursary.

Signature:

Example signature

Date:

24 February 2025