



### **The SMI Donald Maxwell Undergraduate Award**

The Society of Maritime Industries (SMI) offers a competitive award to support students studying for qualifications in subjects related to Marine Engineering and Technology, in particular for 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 £500 to a successful student as well as an invitation at the Trust's expense to the SMI AGM luncheon where a certificate and the cheque will be presented to the winner.

#### **Prize**

One award of £500 and a certificate will be awarded each year. In addition, reasonable travel expenses to get to London for the SMI AGM luncheon are provided.

#### **Deadline for nominations**

The final date for submission is **31 July of each year.**

#### **Criteria**

- 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
- Up to three dissertations produced from the leading 3<sup>rd</sup> year students in departments can be submitted
- 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

*Dissertations must be submitted in electronic PDF accompanied by a covering letter with a supporting statement from the dissertation supervisor.*

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### Assessment Criteria

The dissertations will be assessed against predetermined criteria by a scholarships sub-committee appointed by the SMI Board of Directors. The sub-committee will then have sole responsibility for awarding the available scholarship from the submitted dissertations. The assessment criteria are as follows:

1. The supervisor's supporting statement on the covering letter (5 points)
2. The Topic - Assessment of the originality of the topic, which includes thinking beyond the course content, and its potential commercial application (10 points)
3. Knowledge of the subject - Assessment of the candidate's knowledge of the subject including assessment of literature review/introduction (25 points)
4. The Dissertation - Assessment of the candidate's dissertation, the research element (50 points)
5. Grammatical and Spelling Accuracy - Assessment of the candidate's ability to explain their work succinctly and effectively, also examining spelling and grammar (10 points)

### Rules of the Award

- The scholarships sub-committee will consider all properly submitted nominations and any materials supplied in support of them.
- The decision of the scholarships sub-committee is final
- Materials submitted in support of any nomination will be accepted on the condition that:
  - The IMarEST and SMI may disclose the names of the nominee(s) and the nominator(s);
  - The nominee agrees that disclosure of material submitted in support of the nomination 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.
  - A maximum of three dissertations may be submitted for the award.
- An individual will only be eligible for one award from any Award administered by the IMarEST

### 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.

Submission of the full dissertation will be the responsibility of the university. Applications should be sent to [awards@imarest.org](mailto:awards@imarest.org) clearly stating that the submission is an application for the SMI Donald Maxwell Award.

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