



The IMarEST Awards and Funding Portfolio - Sponsorship Opportunities

The IMarEST awards and funding programme is designed to nurture marine engineering, science and technology talent, support academic research projects and reward academic achievement. Additionally, the programme recognises outstanding contributions made across the marine sector, in particular those which demonstrate societal benefit in the fields of marine sustainability, safety, international development and education.

A vast array of opportunities exist for organisations wishing to provide financial contributions to the awards and funding portfolio.

Named and Specific Awards

Organisations with interests in certain areas or sectors may wish to consider sponsoring a specific award within the IMarEST portfolio, or working with the IMarEST to develop a new award that supports their corporate objectives. The benefits of sponsoring specific awards are:

- The inclusion of your logo on advertisements and emails and all promotional literature related to the specific award for the duration of the sponsorship agreement
- Your logo on the IMarEST Annual Dinner programme and slides that are related to the specific award for the duration of the sponsorship agreement
- Your logo and a URL link to your website appearing on the sponsors' section of the awards webpages and on the individual sponsored award webpage related to the specific award for the duration of the sponsorship agreement
- If applicable/desirable your logo on any physical award.
- A representative from your organisation invited to present the physical award to the category winner (depending on location but likely an awards ceremony prior to the Annual Dinner)
- Knowledge that you are contributing to the recognition of excellence in marine engineering, science & technology or the future development of marine professionals.

Donations to the awards portfolio as a whole

Organisations may wish to make a one off contribution to a central pot that supports all the IMarEST awards and scholarships. The benefits of contributing to the awards portfolio in general include:

- The inclusion of your logo on general awards advertisements and emails and all related promotional literature going forwards.
- Your logo on the Annual Dinner programme and slides that are related to the awards
- Your logo and a URL link to your website appearing on the sponsors' section of the awards webpages
- Knowledge that you are contributing to the recognition of excellence in marine engineering, science & technology or the future development of marine professionals.



Bequests and Legacies

Since the establishment of the IMarEST in 1889, bequests from Fellows and friends have helped the Institute to be able to recognise outstanding contributions, support students and early career professionals and promote the marine sector. Many of our core activities such as prestige lectures, independent policy advice, awards and grants would not be possible without this long-term support.

Overview of the awards portfolio

Outstanding Contribution Awards

The outstanding contribution awards recognise the achievement of engineers, scientists and technologists in improving safety at sea, marine sustainability (particularly related to the environment) marine education and to international development and aim to raise awareness and promote further improvements in these areas. Additionally, an award is made to someone who acts as an ambassador in the marine sector. The awards are presented to either an individual or organisation that has made a significant contribution where such a contribution can be demonstrated either by a specific activity or activity over a sustained period of time. Nominations for this award are made by IMarEST members and are judged by a panel of senior representatives.

Research Fellowships

The IMarEST awards Fellowships each year to selected candidates, judged to be of outstanding potential, to enable a significant piece of work to be undertaken in an approved marine engineering/science/technology subject to doctorate (PhD) or post-doctorate level.

Student Bursaries

IMarEST bursaries are targeted at undergraduate and postgraduate students, cadets and apprentices studying or working in marine engineering, science or 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. The bursary can be used to support planned or existing projects, ranging from activities and events, promoting marine engineering, science and technology as a career, undertaking research in the country of residence or overseas, or undertaking other voluntary activities. The bursary can be used to fund any resources required, including travel, materials etc.

Awardees work with the IMarEST to promote and report on their activity. 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 provided by oceans and to raise the profile of marine engineering, science and technology and the IMarEST. Awardees are expected to deliver a presentation at an appropriate location and support social media and communications activities, especially related to any sponsoring organisations.



Sea Your Future video and technical paper award

The Sea Your Future video award celebrates the work of marine engineers, scientists and technologists across all fields and disciplines in which they have had a recent impact. The award recognises an individual IMarEST member at an early stage in their career who has carried out a piece of work of interest/value (in fields such as marine science, marine engineering, marine technology, offshore oil & gas, renewable energy etc.) and has presented that work in a novel and informative way. For example, video submissions may highlight a research topic (contemporary or historic), introduce viewers to an exciting new marine-related technology or explain marine concepts i.e. the video could be used in the classroom. Judging for this award is undertaken both by visitors to the IMarEST YouTube channel and by a technical panel.

A similar award is made for meeting the above criteria but with a written submission made in the form of a technical paper

Creating new awards and bursaries

The IMarEST is happy to work with organisations wishing to create a new award or bursary to, for example, support their objectives, celebrate an anniversary or to promote themselves to a new or specific audience. To learn more about this bespoke service please contact awards@imarest.org