Stanley Gray Fellowship

The Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST) awards one Stanley Gray Fellowship every year to a selected candidate 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. The award is based upon a written submission and an interview conducted by a number of senior members of the Institute with expertise covering marine engineering, marine science and technology.

Prize

The fellowship consists of one award of £2000 (GBP).

Deadline for Applications

Applications should be received by the 30 September each year.

Criteria

- Applicants should normally have obtained a relevant engineering or scientific degree or equivalent.
- Applicants should be studying at doctorate or post-doctorate level.
- The topic of the proposed piece of research must be relevant within the fields of marine engineering, science & technology.
- The applicant must be a member of the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology in an appropriate category of membership.
- Applications must provide details of the research subject, primary and secondary objectives, the scope of work, details of relevant experience.
- A project plan, in the form of a Gantt Chart, from the applicant outlining when the studies or the research work are to be undertaken and key milestones during the period of study for the Doctorate (PhD) or post-Doctorate award should be included.
- The application must include a testimonial from the sponsoring organization/university setting out the capabilities, skills and aptitude of the candidate and his/her ability to benefit from the course of study or research to be undertaken.
- Any technical papers arising from the studies or research are to be offered first to the IMarEST for publication and/or presentation.
- The winner of the award is allowed to use the title “IMarEST Scholar” and should, over the term of their tenure act as an ambassador, actively promoting the Fellowship and the work of the Institute including working with the IMarEST marketing and communications department.
Assessment

An assessment panel of 3 senior members, selected by the IMarEST Executive, acting on behalf the PAEC is formed. The assessment panel has the responsibility for undertaking the interview short listing process with the shortlist based on an assessment of the applicant’s written application and supporting statement. The assessment panel is supported by a member of the IMarEST Executive who will also attend the interviews to ensure consistency and compliance with the criteria.

Suitable applicants will be assessed at an interview by the assessment panel (who may co-opt other appropriately qualified, senior members of the IMarEST if they feel additional expertise is required). These interviews will, wherever possible, be undertaken at the IMarEST HQ building in London or else via a video-conference link with the country of residence of the candidate with the location and time for the interview as convenient as possible for the applicant. The interview should take between 45 minutes and an hour.

The prime objective of the interview is to assess a candidate’s potential and motivation to succeed in the chosen studies/research and benefit from an award.

The interview will focus on:

- the applicants engineering/science/technology education and any professional training and experience
- special aptitudes, skills and knowledge which will help the candidate to undertake the chosen studies/research and the benefits which may derive from the research
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- disposition, general demeanor, commitment, determination of the candidate

The applicant should also expect to discuss domestic and financial arrangement including other grants or funding available to the candidate.

On completion of the interview a short report is submitted by the interview panel to the IMarEST Professional Development team commenting specifically on the five points above and recommending whether or not an award should be made and the value of the award and time period over which it will be awarded.

In summary the assessment panel will base their recommendation on:

- the completed application form
- sponsor reports
- outcomes of the interview
- available funds

The recommendations of the assessment panel are then sent to the Professional Affairs and Education Committee for approval (by correspondence) and are subsequently presented at a meeting of the Board of Trustees for their consideration and final approval.

Details of the award will then be sent to candidates, sponsors and interviewers.

Rules of the Award

The awarding of the IMarEST Stanley Gray Fellowship and the amount awarded will be at the discretion of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology.

Applicants cannot hold more than one Stanley Gray Fellowship at one time.
Application process

- Applications for the Stanley Gray Fellowship must only be made using the IMarEST Stanley Gray Fellowship Application Form available at www.imarest.org/awards
- Applications should be sent by the closing date and sent to awards@imarest.org clearly stating that it is an application for the Stanley Gray Fellowship.
- Application forms incorrectly completed or submitted without supporting documentation will not be considered for the Fellowship.