



Laurie Prandolini Research Fellowship

The Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST) awards one Laurie Prandolini Research Fellowship (LPRF) every year, for up to two years, 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. Applicants must be formally affiliated with an Australia, New Zealand, and South Pacific (ANZSPac) region university.

Prize

The Award will usually be for a period of two-years with a maximum annual value of \$7,000 (AUS), exclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST).

Deadline for Applications

Applications should be received by the **30 September** each year. If circumstances preclude an Applicant meeting the submission date, the Applicant shall without delay advise the LPRF MC of their intention to submit.

Criteria

- Applicants should have obtained a relevant engineering or scientific degree or equivalent.
- Applicants should be studying at doctorate or post-doctorate level.
- The Applicant shall have, as a minimum, at least 18-months research, and/or documentation time remaining before the final submission of their thesis papers, exclusive of approved extensions
- 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.
- Applicants must complete the Laurie Prandolini Research Fellowship application form available at <https://www.imarest.org>
- The application must be accompanied by a statement of support from the sponsoring organisation/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.
- The application must be sent by the sponsoring organisation/university to the Laurie Prandolini Research Fellowship Management Committee.
- The LPRF Management Committee may, at its discretion, request further information from the Applicant, or an Applicant's Referee, in order to amplify the application.



- IMarEST is to be kept apprised of any technical papers or other outputs arising from the studies or
- The winner will work with the IMarEST Marketing and Communications Team to publicise the award and any resulting papers or presentations.

Assessment

- Applications will be evaluated by the Laurie Prandolini Research Fellowship Management Committee.
- The evaluation will initially be based on an assessment of the applicant's written application, considering matters such as:
 - the applicant's 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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 - commitment and determination of the candidate
 - financial need of the candidate
- In the absence of a clear winner from the assessment of written applications, a shortlist of candidates may be invited to attend a brief online interview panel with pf senior IMarEST members as a means of ascertaining a suitable Awardee.

Rules of the Award

- The awarding of the IMarEST Laurie Prandolini Research Fellowship in a given year and the amount awarded will be at the sole discretion of the Laurie Prandolini Research Fellowship Management Committee.
- Applicants cannot hold more than one Laurie Prandolini Research Fellowship at one time.

Application process

- Applications for the Laurie Prandolini Research Fellowship must be made using the IMarEST Laurie Prandolini Research Fellowship Application Form available at www.imarest.org/awards
- The Sponsor's Statement of Support may be submitted together with or separately from the completed application form but applications will be considered incomplete and ineligible for assessment unless both documents are received by the closing date.
- Completed Application Forms and Statements of Support should be sent by the closing date to awards@imarest.org clearly stating the applicant's name (if different from the email sender's) and that it is an application for the Laurie Prandolini Research Fellowship.
- Application forms that are incomplete, or incorrectly completed, may be finalised post-submission, but shall not be substantially rewritten
- At the discretion of the LPRF MC, an extension of up to, but not exceeding 4-weeks may be granted. Extensions beyond 31 October will not be considered or given.