

Applying for SMART Marine Institute Research Vessel Bursaries

SMART Marine Institute Research Vessel Bursaries offer unparalleled opportunities for gaining offshore experience, learning from expert marine scientists, and expanding your professional network.

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- Bursaries are paid at **€95 per day**.
- **Continuous Professional Development (CPD)** is recognized through enrolment in the accredited postgraduate module: *Marine Research Vessel Data Collection and Surveying*.

Application Process Overview

The application process consists of an online form and submission by email of your CV and a letter of recommendation from an academic or professional supervisor. CV and letter of recommendation are mailed separately to John.Boyd@atu.ie.

The application form is straightforward, with questions 1-12 covering contact details and survey preferences. Here are tips to make your application stand out:

Personal Statement (Question 12)

Outline how the survey aligns with your career goals and how you will benefit from participating. Tailor your response to each specific survey, explaining what you aim to learn and how that knowledge will contribute to your development as a marine scientist. If you are applying for different survey categories you might consider a separate application for each category.

- Demonstrate your passion for learning from and networking with a community of experts.
- Highlight relevant experiences, such as academic modules, projects, or fieldwork that have prepared you to contribute effectively to the survey.
- Reflect on the skills you bring to the team, emphasizing teamwork, adaptability, and professional conduct in a research vessel setting.

Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Structure your CV clearly and concisely. Include:

- Relevant academic courses, projects, and fieldwork.
- Internships, work placements, or volunteer experiences that demonstrate skills applicable to the survey.

- Extra-curricular activities that showcase transferable skills, such as leadership, collaboration, or initiative.

Letter of Recommendation

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This should strongly endorse your skills, motivation, and relevant experience. Choose a supervisor who knows you well and can highlight your potential to thrive on the survey.

Previous Seagoing Experience

While previous seagoing experience is not mandatory, it can help assess your preparedness for the survey. Include any research vessel experience, as well as other seafaring activities like sailing, powerboating, or ferry crossings.

Required Certifications

To join an Irish Research Vessel, you must have:

- **ENG 11 Medical Certificate** – Valid for two years. Register at [ERegister](#) for a Seafarer's Identification Number. A list of approved practices for ENG 11 certification is provided in Annex A.
- **STCW Personal Survival Techniques (PST)** – A five-year valid certification available through courses at:
 - [National Maritime College of Ireland](#) (Cork)
 - [Seamanship Centre \(Ballyshannon\)](#)
 - [National Fisheries College of Ireland](#) (Donegal and Cork)
- **STCW Proficiency in Security Awareness (PSA)** – Can be completed [online here](#).

Evaluation and Shortlisting

Your application will be assessed on the strength of your personal statement, CV, and letter of recommendation. Top candidates will be recommended to the survey chief scientists, who make the final pick.

Not Shortlisted?

If you're not picked, don't be discouraged. Ask for feedback, refine your materials, and apply again.

Bursary Module

Successful applicants will be invited to enrol in the accredited module *Marine Research Vessel Data Collection and Surveying*, which acknowledges the CPD gained during the survey.

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Learning Objectives:

1. Evaluate the role of offshore research in policy formulation.
2. Understand research vessel operations in multidisciplinary marine research.
3. Comprehend the survey components and their integration.
4. Practice professional conduct aboard research vessels.
5. Develop expertise in data acquisition, analysis, and reporting.

Additional Advice

- Request your letter of recommendation early to give your referee ample time.
- Save your application materials in a dedicated folder for future use.
- Pay attention to details such as file formats and certificate dates.
- Explore other opportunities like the [Foreign Research Vessel Observer Scheme](#).
- Reach out to researchers in your department for field or lab work opportunities.

Annex A**List of Approved ENG 11 Doctors in Ireland**

| Cork | | | |
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