

Applying for SMART Marine Institute Research Vessel Bursaries

SMART Marine Institute Research Vessel Bursaries provide an exceptional opportunity to gain offshore experience, learn from expert marine scientists, and build your professional network in the marine sector.

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- Bursary Rate: €95 per diem
- Professional Recognition: Participants are enrolled in the accredited postgraduate module Marine Research Vessel Data Collection and Surveying, contributing to their Continuous Professional Development (CPD)

Application Process Overview

The application consists of two parts:

1. **Online Application Form**
 - Questions 1–11 cover personal and contact details, along with your survey preferences.
 - **Question 12 (Personal Statement)** requires a tailored response (see tips below).
2. **Email Submission**

Send the following documents to John.Boyd@atu.ie:

 - Your **Curriculum Vitae (CV)**
 - A **Letter of Recommendation** from an academic or professional supervisor

Tips for a Strong Application

Personal Statement (Form – Question 12)

Use this section to explain how your chosen survey(s) align with your academic and career goals. Be specific about what you aim to learn and how it will benefit your development as a marine scientist.

- Tailor your response to each survey category. You may submit separate applications if applying for different survey types.
- Demonstrate your enthusiasm for learning from and working with experienced marine scientists.
- Highlight relevant academic modules, projects, or fieldwork that prepare you for offshore research.
- Emphasize transferable skills such as teamwork, adaptability, and professionalism in a research setting.

Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Your CV should be clearly structured and concise (1–2 pages). Include:

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- Relevant academic modules, fieldwork, and research experience
- Internships, placements, or voluntary roles that show your preparedness for offshore work
- Extracurricular activities that reflect skills such as leadership, initiative, or collaboration

Letter of Recommendation

Your referee should be someone familiar with your academic or professional experience who can confidently speak to your:

- Motivation and interest in marine science
- Relevant skills and knowledge
- Ability to contribute effectively to a team in an offshore environment

Seagoing or Offshore Experience (Optional)

Previous experience at sea is not required but can strengthen your application. Include any:

- Research vessel work
- Sailing, powerboating, or other seafaring activities
- Relevant safety or survival training

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

Page | 3 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.

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.

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.

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

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