



## INTERNATIONAL OCEAN INSTITUTE



**Training Programme on  
OCEAN GOVERNANCE: POLICY, LAW AND MANAGEMENT  
18<sup>th</sup> May – 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2016  
(*subject to final confirmation*)**

### **Purpose and Approach**

With the support of Dalhousie University, the International Ocean Institute (IOI) has offered an intensive, interdisciplinary training programme in Canada every year since 1981. In keeping with the vision of IOI's founder, Elisabeth Mann Borgese, the purpose of this course is to:

- deepen understanding of the ever-increasing importance of the oceans and their resources in world politics and sustainable economic development;
- assist developing countries in the formation of a core of decision-makers fully aware of the complex issues of coastal and ocean management; and,
- maximise benefits to be derived from the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea through the proper integration of coastal and ocean management into national and international development strategies.

The course emphasises the importance of viewing the ocean as a system with varied users and multiple, often competing and conflicting, uses. It also aims to increase awareness of the fact that ocean management requires broad interdisciplinary skills, new institutional and legal infrastructures, and new forms of intergovernmental and non-governmental organisation and cooperation at the local, national and international levels.

The training programme takes place in Halifax on the campus of Dalhousie University, and consists of over 200 hours of intensive learning. While it is primarily lecture-based, the course also includes interactive discussions, participant presentations, exercises and simulations, field trips, and an international round table.

### **Participants**

The training programme is specifically designed to benefit developing country mid-career professionals who are responsible for some aspect of coastal or ocean governance. Given the under-representation of women in the upper echelons of administration and policy-making, particular emphasis is placed on trying to achieve equal numbers of female and male participants, and on creating a forum where men and women can learn together, sharing different perspectives and examining issues from different viewpoints. The class size for 2016 is likely to consist of approximately 15 participants.

### **Course Content**

The course is a foundational programme and is not intended to provide specialised training. Participants should therefore be prepared to step out of their fields of specialisation and be exposed to broadly interdisciplinary work. A detailed syllabus will be available nearer the time, but based on previous years, the programme is expected to include:

- Ocean Sciences
- Law of the Sea & Principled Ocean Governance
- Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management
- Sustainable Development
- Fisheries and Aquaculture
- Energy
- Maritime Security
- Marine Transportation
- Media and Communication
- Integrated Maritime Compliance & Enforcement
- Negotiation
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Project Cycle Management
- Performance Management

## Admission Requirements

- Participants should preferably be aged 25-45 with an undergraduate degree, or equivalent experience, and be mid-career professionals, civil servants, academics or members of a relevant NGO/private sector company.
- The course is conducted in English. Participants **must** have a good working knowledge of this language, and understand and speak it with ease. Telephone interviews may be conducted as part of the selection process.
- Applicants from developed countries may be considered, dependent on funding and space availability. Dalhousie University graduate students can also register for the course as an audit, or for a full credit if the appropriate arrangements are made and an extra assignment completed.
- Applications must be endorsed by an appropriate government ministry or department, a national or regional body, or their own academic institute, NGO or company. Participants cannot nominate themselves.
- Before applying, potential candidates should carefully review the training section of IOI-Canada's website ([www.dal.ca/ioihfx](http://www.dal.ca/ioihfx)) particularly the information covered under *What to Expect*.
- Successful applicants must be willing to complete some specified readings and preparations before the course.
- Participants should be prepared for a **very heavy workload throughout the training programme, involving up to seven hours in the classroom per day, five days per week, as well as preparation during some evenings and weekends**. Many of the exercises and presentations involve group work, and each participant is expected to provide input.
- On their return home, all participants are required to conduct at least one seminar or workshop to share the knowledge and skills gained during the course with others in their country, and to provide feedback on these follow-up activities.

## Scholarships

All applicants must seek funding for the training programme, and should submit proof of their attempts as part of the application process. A scholarship for 2016 is anticipated to be approximately \$13,500 plus airfare, and covers board and lodging, tuition (including teaching materials and field trips), airport transfers in Canada, and health insurance excluding pre-existing conditions. Please note that the scholarship does not include a salary, and it is expected that participants continue to receive a salary from their employer during the course.

Possible sources of financial support could include: (i) funding from the applicant's own institution or government; (ii) the Danielle de St. Jorre Scholarship, administered by IOI headquarters in Malta ([www.ioinst.org](http://www.ioinst.org)) for women from Small Island Developing States; (iii) in the case of relevant Commonwealth countries, Commonwealth Secretariat funding and/or the Commonwealth Foundation's fund designated for members of NGOs and certain others; (iv) in the case of CRFM countries, travel grants from the CRFM Secretariat ([www.crfm.int](http://www.crfm.int)); (v) for applicants from eligible countries who work in the conservation field, the World Wildlife Fund's Professional Development Grants ([www.wwf-efn.org/grants.cfm](http://www.wwf-efn.org/grants.cfm)); (vi) awards from national/regional science academies; (vii) private sector sponsorship from a relevant company or corporation; and (viii) funding from Canadian Embassies/High Commissions. Very limited scholarship funding is available directly through the IOI, generally top-up funds for those who have secured partial support from an external source. These scholarships do not need to be applied for separately, but please note that **they are intended for participants who can demonstrate their attempts to secure a scholarship or funding from other sources**.

## Applications

Forms can be downloaded from the training section of the IOI-Canada website ([www.dal.ca/ioihfx](http://www.dal.ca/ioihfx)) or requested from:

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Completed forms should be sent by fax, airmail or courier to arrive **no later than 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016**. In some circumstances it *may* be possible to consider late applications – contact IOI-Canada ([ioi@dal.ca](mailto:ioi@dal.ca)) to enquire. Copies of all funding application correspondence must accompany the application, with any subsequent funding correspondence following as soon as possible.