



THE INTERNATIONAL OCEAN INSTITUTE
announces the

DANIELLE DE ST. JORRE SCHOLARSHIP

Call for Applications

In memory of Danielle de St. Jorre, applications and nominations are invited for a scholarship

to help fund the participation of a woman from a Small Island Developing State in IOI's training programme on ***Ocean Governance: Policy, Law and Management***, to be held from **20th May to 17th July 2020** at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Canada.

See: <http://internationaloceaninstitute.dal.ca/training.html>.

Application deadline: 10th February 2020

The International Ocean Institute (IOI) was founded in 1972 by Elisabeth Mann Borgese as an international, non-governmental, non-profit organisation. Headquartered in Malta under an agreement with the Government of Malta, the institute has a twofold mission:

- *to ensure the sustainability of the Ocean as “the source of life”, and to uphold and expand the principle of the common heritage as enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea;*
- *to promote the concept of Pacem in Maribus (peace in the Oceans) and its management and conservation for the benefit of future generations.*

Since 2000 the IOI has awarded an annual **scholarship to one woman from a Small Island Developing State (SIDS) who is involved in marine related activities** to improve her knowledge of the subject through relevant training or university studies. This scholarship was established to **honour the memory of the late Danielle de St. Jorre**, Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Environment and Tourism of the Republic of the Seychelles and a member of the IOI Governing Board, in consideration of all she did in her short life for the benefit of her country, the small island developing states and the world at large.

Further information on the scholarship, including application guidelines, eligibility and evaluation criteria, can be found below. Details of the IOI training programme in Halifax are available at: internationaloceaninstitute.dal.ca/training.html.



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APPLICATION GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

All applications will be screened to ensure they meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. Applicants must be junior/mid-career women from small island developing states as listed in the GLOSSARY.
2. They should have at least one degree (or equivalent experience) and preferably be involved in work related to sustainable development and protection of the environment, in particular the oceans and the coastal zone.
3. They should have strong English-language skills.
4. Applicants must submit all the requested information outlined in the APPLICATION PROCESS below by the specified deadline.
5. The maximum funding available for each annual scholarship is 10,000 Swiss Francs, which covers most course-related costs in Canada but does not include airfare. Applicants are therefore strongly encouraged to apply elsewhere for funding to cover flights.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must apply for **both** the training programme **and** the DDSJ scholarship as follows:

1. Carefully review these guidelines as well as the information listed in the training section of the IOI-Canada website (www.dal.ca/ioihfx).
2. Download and complete the **course application form** from that site and clearly note in the Funding section (page 7) of the form that you are applying for the Danielle de St Jorre Scholarship.
3. Write a **covering letter** of approximately one page indicating why you would be a worthy recipient of this scholarship.
4. Ask a suitable referee to provide a **Letter of Support** of approximately one page.
5. Submit the **completed course application, covering letter and Letter of Support** to reach IOI-Canada **no later than 10th February**. These may be sent by post, courier, fax or e-mail to:

Danielle de St Jorre Scholarship
IOI-Canada
Dalhousie University
6414 Coburg Road, P.O. Box 15000
Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3H 4R2
Canada
E-mail: ioi@dal.ca
Fax: 1 902 494 1334

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The scholarship fund must contribute towards capacity building of small island developing states. This includes the transfer of knowledge, skills and awareness on issues related to ocean governance, all of which aim at increasing the national capacity dealing with marine-related activities.

Applications will be assessed on demonstrated and clear links between the experience and qualifications of the candidates and their future role in enhancing the sustainability of the oceans.

The scholarship will be awarded following the selection process carried out by the IOI in consultation with the Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS).

HOW THE SELECTION PROCESS WORKS

The following administrative steps will be taken once the applications are received by IOI-Canada:

1. IOI-Canada will screen all applications for eligibility.
2. Within 10 working days, applications will be acknowledged by email and confirmed as eligible or ineligible.
3. All applications will be evaluated by IOI-Canada according to the eligibility criteria, and a list of candidates in order of priority will be submitted to the International Ocean Institute HQ in Malta for consultation, followed by notification of the shortlist to the Chairperson of AOSIS. The successful scholarship winner will be informed by e-mail within a week of the final selection, and the runner-up will be offered the opportunity to be on reserve as a back-up.
4. Following confirmation of the acceptance of the award, IOI-Canada will proceed with the necessary logistical arrangements.
5. The scholarship will be transferred to IOI-Canada to help cover the cost of tuition and living expenses of the successful candidate.
6. Within 30 days of completion of the course, a narrative report with photographs must be submitted to IOI-Canada by the Danielle de St Jorre Scholar.

GLOSSARY

IOI:

International Ocean Institute (www.ioinst.org)

Danielle Marie-Madeleine Jorre de St Jorre:

This scholarship is named after the late Seychelles politician, Danielle de St Jorre. She held positions including Undersecretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Planning, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Environment and Tourism. She died in 1997 at the age of 54.

Small Island Developing States:

Small Island Developing States (SIDS) are linked together by common socio-economic and environmental issues.

List of Small Island Developing States (SIDS): Members and Observers¹

- **African, Indian and South China Seas (AIS):** Cape Verde, Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, Maldives, Mauritius, Sao Tome & Principe, Seychelles, Singapore.
- **Caribbean:** Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St Kitts & Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago.
- **Pacific Ocean:** Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.
- **Observer States:** American Samoa, Guam, Netherlands Antilles, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands.

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS):

The Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) is a coalition of 44 small island and low-lying coastal developing states, including five observers. Its core focus is on three main areas: climate change, sustainable development and ocean conservation.

As a voice for the vulnerable, its mandate is more than amplifying marginalised voices as it also advocates for these countries' interests. In terms of size, AOSIS closely resembles the countries it represents on the global stage, but often punches far above its weight, negotiating historic global commitments to cut greenhouse gas emissions, among other achievements.

To achieve its goals, AOSIS often draws on partnerships, including with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the European Commission, to bolster its capacity to effectively influence climate negotiations, some of the most complex and difficult in the world. AOSIS also makes vital contributions by helping its members to pool their resources and amplify their collective voice in climate talks. This goes beyond just speaking up to securing ambitious agreements with tangible benefits for vulnerable communities.

AOSIS's first chairman was Ambassador Robert Van Lierop of Vanuatu (1991-1994), followed by Ambassador Annette des Iles of Trinidad and Tobago (1994-1997), Ambassador Tuiloma Neroni Slade of Samoa (1997-2002), Ambassador Jagdish Koonjul of Mauritius (2002-2005), Ambassador Enele Sopoaga of Tuvalu (acting chairman 2005-2006), Ambassador Julian R. Hunte of Saint Lucia (2006), Ambassador Angus Friday of Grenada (2006 – 2009), Ambassador Dessima Williams of Grenada (2009-2011), Ambassador Marlene Moses of Nauru (2011-2014), Ambassador Ahmed Sareer of the Maldives (2015-2017), Ambassador Ali Naseer Mohamed of the Maldives (2017-2018), and the present chairperson Ambassador Lois M. Young of Belize (2019-).

Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs):

Non-profit organisations and agencies, or a combination of both, not affiliated with official governments. These include special interest groups, development and relief agencies, environmental organisations, self-help associations, human rights organisations, public watchdog groups, labour organisations and research and policy institutes.

¹ <https://www.aosis.org/member-states/>