



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 **23rd May to 20th July 2018** at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Canada.

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

Application deadline: 9th February 2018

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 a **scholarship of 10,000 Swiss Francs annually 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 9th 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 Chairman 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 Chairperson of AOSIS for consultation. The successful scholarship winner will be informed by electronic post 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

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

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS):

The Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) is a coalition of small island and low-lying coastal countries that share similar development challenges and concerns about the environment, especially their vulnerability to the adverse effects of global climate change. It functions primarily as an ad hoc lobby and negotiating voice for small island developing States (SIDS) within the United Nations system.

AOSIS has a membership of 44 States and observers, drawn from all oceans and regions of the world: Africa, Caribbean, Indian Ocean, Mediterranean, Pacific and South China Sea. Thirty-seven are members of the United Nations, close to 28 percent of developing countries, and 20 percent of the UN's total membership. Together, SIDS communities constitute some five percent of the global population.

Member States of AOSIS work together primarily through their New York diplomatic Missions to the United Nations. AOSIS functions on the basis of consultation and consensus. Major policy decisions are taken at ambassadorial-level plenary sessions. The Alliance does not have a formal charter. There is no regular budget, nor a secretariat. With the Permanent Representative of Nauru as its current chairman, AOSIS operates, as it did under previous chairmanships, out of the chairman's Mission to the United Nations.

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) and the present chairperson, Ambassador Ali Naseer Mohamed of the Maldives (2017-).

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 <http://aosis.org/members/> - referenced 2018