**Application for** **West Science Bursary**   
**at the National Oceanography Centre**

The West Seagoing Science Bursary provides financial support to enable post-graduate students in the field of marine science or oceanography to take part in a three-month mentoring opportunity with scientists from the UK’s National Oceanography Centre (NOC).

This mentoring Bursary will take place in virtual form, consisting of an exclusive workshop in October 2025 followed by three months of support and mentoring meetings. All recipients of the virtual bursary will receive a completion certificate. We actively encourage applications from students from developing countries.

Our 2025 mentoring Bursaries will be awarded through a competitive selection process, and you can apply using this form. It is essential that Bursary applicants are registered as students for the period of the Bursary, and that permission is given by your supervisor. To be eligible for a West P&I Bursary you must be in postgraduate education (Masters level or PhD) and have good written and verbal English.

Two of the chosen applicants will be invited to extend the programme and gain practical experience of ship borne science, joining a research cruise in 2026 alongside NOC staff. This Bursary will provide the financial support needed for travel. The two applicants for this unique opportunity will be selected once the virtual mentoring programme has begun.

Applicants are encouraged to contact the National Oceanography Centre to discuss the application before submitting. You can send an email to *WestPandIBursary@noc.ac.uk* and we will answer your queries or put you in touch with suitable researchers at NOC who can help. Please only apply if you are able to attend both the virtual mentoring AND in-person cruise.

Applications for the West P&I Seagoing Science Bursary open once every two years.

**The deadline for applications is 1st August 2025***.* Please send your completed application form and your CV by email to [*WestPandIBursary@noc.ac.uk*](mailto:WestPandIBursary@noc.ac.uk)*.*

**1. About the Applicant**

Please provide a CV with this application form. We are interested in your education, your interests and your study and work experience.

*Name*:

*University:*

*Degree, start and end dates of degree registration:*

*Topic of research or study*:

*Postal Address:*

*Email address:*

**2. Your Interests**

NOC can help you find out about our areas of research and one that is most appropriate for your interests. Please tell us more about your research interests, data sets you would benefit from collecting, and the types of skills you most want to learn.

*What are your research interests?*

*How would you benefit from the data, skills and experience gained through the bursary?*

*Which kinds of marine science experts would you most like to work with e.g physical oceanography, autonomy technology, biogeochemistry, ecology, sensor technology, etc?*

*Do you already know the names of any NOC researchers that you would like to work with? If your answer is yes, please tell us who they are. If your answer is no, don't worry, we will help you find the right person to work with.*

**3. The benefits and outcomes of the bursary**

Please use this section to write a short proposal (one or two pages) that sets out the planned activities, benefits and outcomes of the bursary. Use the outline to guide your writing. We will assess this section carefully to select the applications that will bring the most benefit to the applicant and are best aligned with NOC research.

*Proposal for Bursary Activity or Research (maximum two pages) including:*

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| *Title* |  |
| *Introduction* |  |
| *Objectives* |  |
| *Outcomes* |  |
| *Relevance and Impact* |  |

**4. Support from your University**

Please use this space to include a statement of support from your tutor or supervisor.

*Date:*

*Supervisor/tutor name:*

*Supervisor/tutor job title:*

*Supervisor/tutor signature:*

**5: The agreement**

If you are offered a West P&I Seagoing Science Bursary your research will form part of the NOC research programme, and by accepting you are agreeing to acknowledge the funding sources in your outputs from the research.

This includes agreeing to guidelines under which data collected on NOC expeditions must be submitted to the BODC (British Oceanographic Data Centre) within a relevant timescale.

If you are offered a West P&I Seagoing Science Bursary you will need to take part in supporting communications and by accepting you will be agreeing to take part in filming, case studies and PR opportunities including featuring on NOC’s and West P&I’s website and social media channels. You may also be asked to attend an event with the funder.

*I agree to abide by the NOC data policy and appropriately acknowledge NOC and West P&I in all publications and outputs arising from research during the bursary.*

*Name:*

*Signature:*

*Date:*