



## THE INTERNATIONAL OCEAN INSTITUTE Announces

### THE DANIELLE DE ST. JORRE SCHOLARSHIP Call for Applications for 2010

Since 2000 the International Ocean Institute presents a Scholarship of Swiss Francs 10,000 annually for one woman from Small Island Developing States (SIDS) involved in marine related research activities to improve their knowledge in the subject of attending training or University Degree programmes.

The scholarship has been 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 Governing Board of the International Ocean Institute, 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.

The International Ocean Institute hereby invites applications and nominations for the 2010 scholarship. You may wish to use the Scholarship for attending the eight-week **Ocean Governance: Policy, Law and Management** (Canada, 19<sup>th</sup> May - 16<sup>th</sup> July 2010 - <http://internationaloceaninstitute.dal.ca/training.html/>), or the five-week **Training Programme on Regional Ocean Governance for Mediterranean and Eastern European Countries** at the University of Malta (November-December 2010 - [www.capemalta.net/ioimoc](http://www.capemalta.net/ioimoc)).

Further information on the Scholarship is available in this document as well as guidelines for interested applicants.

The application must include a CV and a statement giving the reason for the application or nomination with the aim of the applicant or nominee, including how she intends to use the scholarship if awarded. These should be sent to Ms Antonella Vassallo, Programme Officer, International Ocean Institute, P.O. Box 3, Gzira GZR 1000, MALTA. Candidates will be selected in consultation with the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS).

The explanatory note on the scholarship, as well as on the eligibility and evaluation criteria is included in the application form. The deadline for receipt of applications is 14 February 2010.

IOI Headquarters, Malta  
2009



# DANIELLE de St. JORRE SCHOLARSHIP

## APPLICATION GUIDELINES

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### BACKGROUND

The International Ocean Institute was founded in 1972 by the late Prof. Elisabeth Mann Borgese, as an international, non-governmental, non-profit organization. The Headquarters resides in Malta under an agreement with the Government of Malta.

The Mission of the International Ocean Institute is twofold:

- *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 Ocean and its management and conservation for the benefit of future generations*

Since the year 2000, the International Ocean Institute has presented an annual scholarship of Swiss Francs 10,000 for women from Small Island Developing States (SIDS) involved in marine related research activities. The objective of this scholarship is to give women from these countries the opportunity to improve their knowledge on the subject by attending training or University Degree programmes.

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## GLOSSARY

**IOI** International Ocean Institute: <http://www.ioinst.org>

**Danielle Marie-Madeleine Jorre de St Jorre** This scholarship is named after the late Seychelles Minister of Foreign Affairs and 1993-97 of Environment, 1984-90 she was Undersecretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Planning. 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).<sup>1</sup>

- **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, British Virgin Islands, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Netherlands Antilles, St Kitts and Nevis, 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 42 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.

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AOSIS functions primarily as an *ad hoc* lobby and a negotiating voice for SIDS within the United Nations (UN) system, where it makes up 19% of the UN's total membership. It functions on the basis of consultation and consensus.

**Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs)** Nonprofit organizations and agencies, or a combination of both, not affiliated with official governments. These include special interest groups, development and relief agencies, environmental organizations, self-help associations, human rights organizations, public watchdog groups, labour organizations and research and policy institutes.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.sidsnet.org/aosis/members.html>; 2009

## CHECKLIST

Before sending their application, applicants should ensure that the information listed below is readily available for e/mailing.

- Applicant's Name
- Date of Birth
- Citizenship
- Occupational Title
- Mailing Address
- Telephone
- Fax
- E-mail
- Detailed Curriculum vitae (including copies of supporting certificates, diplomas, degrees, certificates showing English-language proficiency, etc.)
- Spoken/written languages
- Supporting letter from one referee
- Letter describing intention and use of Scholarship fund, if awarded

### Applications must be sent to:

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Danielle de St. Jorre Scholarship  
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## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

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

1. Applicants must be junior- or mid-career females from small island developing states as per list provided on page 4.
2. They must preferably be involved in work related to sustainable development and protection of the environment, in particular the oceans and the coastal zone.
3. Applicants must submit all the requested information as shown on page 5.
4. Applications must be received by the date specified in the announcement
5. The maximum funding available for each annual scholarship is 10,000 Swiss Francs.

## **EVALUATION CRITERIA AND NOTIFICATION**

The scholarship fund must focus 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 aimed 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 to the right applicant following the selection process (page 8) carried out by the International Ocean Institute in consultation with the Chairman of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS). Applicants will be notified on the results of the selection by the Headquarters.

## **HOW THE SELECTION PROCESS WORKS**

Applications must be received by 14<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

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

1. Upon receipt, IOI will screen all applications for eligibility.
2. Within 10 working days, all applications will be acknowledged by email and confirmed as eligible or ineligible.
3. All applications will be evaluated according to the eligibility criteria. This will start after the closing date and the list of candidates in order of priority will be prepared and submitted to the Chairperson of AOSIS for consultation within 30 days. The result of the consultation will be the nomination of the scholarship winner who will be informed accordingly by normal post within a week after selection.
4. IOI will contact the awarded applicant to initiate logistical arrangements.
5. The scholarship fund advance will be transferred to the institution/university where the awarded applicant intends to spend her studies.
6. Within 30 days of completion of the scholarship, narrative reports must be submitted to IOI.