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From: Veronica Cunningham
Sent: Tuesday 26 July 2022 17:39
To: 'David.Kenny@dfa.ie'; Fiona Grant; Niall McDonough
Subject: Our Shared Oceans Calls for 2022 - Master's Degree Scholarships with new photo
Attachments: 2022 Our Shared Ocean - Master's Scholarships Applicant Guidelines.pdf

Hi All,

Please see attached final version of Master's Scholarships with new photo for launch tomorrow.

Best regards,

Veronica

From: Veronica Cunningham
Sent: Tuesday 26 July 2022 17:23
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Cc: Fiona Grant <Fiona.Grant@Marine.ie>; Niall McDonough <Niall.McDonough@Marine.ie>
Subject: Our Shared Oceans Calls for 2022 - Master's Degree Scholarships and Fellowships

Hi David,

Many thanks for confirming that the revisions to the Master's Scholarships are agreed, and these are finalised now.

Please now find attached the revised version of the Fellowships Applicant Guidelines, again with Annex 2 revised to the current list of ODA-eligible SIDS plus note should the situation arise where there are no suitable candidates from these SIDS available.

I am also attaching a copy of the Application Form, Declaration Form, Budget Form and the note for the website.

I have included a worked up budget example also for reference, when I was testing that all the formula in the spreadsheet were calculating alright.

Again if you could confirm that you are happy with these revisions. Working on the last one for the Project Awards now.

Best Regards,

Veronica

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Sent: Tuesday 26 July 2022 10:19
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Subject: RE: Our Shared Oceans Calls for 2022 - Master's Degree Scholarships

Thanks Veronica,

This all looks great from our side.

David.

From: Veronica Cunningham <Veronica.Cunningham@Marine.ie>
Sent: Monday 25 July 2022 17:14
To: Kenny David HQ-DCD <David.Kenny@dfa.ie>
Cc: Fiona Grant <Fiona.Grant@Marine.ie>; Niall McDonough <Niall.McDonough@Marine.ie>
Subject: Our Shared Oceans Calls for 2022 - Master's Degree Scholarships

Hi David,

Many thanks for meeting with Fiona and myself earlier today.

Please now find attached the revised version of the Master's Degree Scholarships Applicant Guidelines, with Annex 2 revised to the current list of ODA-eligible SIDS. I have also added a note as discussed should the situation arise where there are no suitable candidates from these SIDS available.

I am also attaching a copy of the Application Form and Declaration Form, and the note for the website.

I will send the revised versions of the Fellowships and Project Awards with the Application Forms, etc. to you tomorrow (for final review) with the plan being to launch this Wednesday, 27th July.

Best Regards,

Veronica

From: Veronica Cunningham
Sent: Thursday 21 July 2022 16:06
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Subject: Our Shared Oceans Calls for 2022

Hi David,

Please now find two call documents for research funding as follows:

- 1) **Master's Scholarships** – This is to fund students (paid a maintenance grant/student stipend) for 2 years. We are proposing that the students are recruited from an eligible Small Island Developing State, and study for a Master's at an Irish HEI with a placement of at least 25% based in the relevant SIDS. Main query for you is the list of eligible SIDS (Annex 2).
- 2) **Fellowships** – This is to fund a fellow (paid a salary) for 3 years. We are proposing that the fellows are recruited from an eligible Small Island Developing State, and work as a researcher at an Irish HEI with a placement of at least 25% based in the relevant SIDS. Again main query for you is the list of eligible SIDS (Annex 2).

I am working on the final call document for projects, and will be sending this to you tomorrow.

Once you have a chance to review these, would you be available next week for a MS Teams on either Monday, 25th or Tuesday, 26th to finalise in order for us to launch the calls?

Many thanks.

Best regards,

Veronica

From: David.Kenny@dfa.ie [mailto:David.Kenny@dfa.ie]
Sent: Thursday 14 July 2022 12:19
To: Veronica Cunningham <Veronica.Cunningham@Marine.ie>
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Subject: RE: Our Shared Oceans Calls for 2022

Hi Veronica,

That's great. At the minute no blocks of leave scheduled- though I may have one or two occasional dates out of the office between now and September.

Thanks,
David.

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Cc: Niall McDonough <Niall.McDonough@Marine.ie>; Fiona Grant <Fiona.Grant@Marine.ie>
Subject: RE: Our Shared Oceans Calls for 2022

Hi David,

Great many thanks for agreeing to this request.

It likely that the €300k would be spread over 2023 and 2024. We will be preparing more detailed cash flow projects later this year, once the successful projects under the 2022 calls are known.

I am currently working on the call documents for the remainder of the 2022 calls, and will be sending these to you next week. I just wanted to check if you have any upcoming leave scheduled?

Thanks again.

Best regards,

Veronica

From: David.Kenny@dfa.ie [mailto:David.Kenny@dfa.ie]
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Subject: RE: Our Shared Oceans Calls for 2022

Hi Veronica,

Apologies for the delay, currently in the annual process of everyone leaving to take up posting here. No issue with deferring the remaining amount until 2023, agree it makes good sense to allow partnerships to incubate.

To confirm, that for 2023 the contract had indicated €900,000, so we will be seeking to allocate €1.2m for 2023?

Thanks,
David.

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Subject: Our Shared Oceans Calls for 2022

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Hi David,

I hope that you are well.

I met with Niall and Fiona yesterday to discuss the launch of the remaining calls under the Our Shared Ocean Programme for 2022, with the split of calls as outlined in the table below. We would like to give the SIDS time to connect with their Irish counterparts to discuss their research and develop a working relationship, and therefore would like to postpone one of the large project award calls (Projects - 18 to 36 Months) until 2023.

However, this would mean that we would be asking for the second payment due to be paid in 2022 by DFA of €300,000 to be deferred until 2023 instead. Please can you advise if this would be possible? Happy to discuss quickly by phone/Teams if this is easier.

Many thanks.

Best regards,

Veronica

Our Shared Ocean Programme – Table of Investments

Award Type & Duration	Cost per Award	Number of Awards	Total Cost	2022	2023
Masters Scholarships 24 Months	€84,000	6	€504,000	3	3
Post-Doctoral Fellowships 36 Months	€320,000	2	€640,000	2	0
Projects - 12 to 18 Months	€150,000	4	€600,000	2	2
Projects - 18 to 36 Months	€400,000	2	€800,000	1	1
Total		14	€2,544,000	8	6

Note: Commitment of €1.6m in 2022 - 1st payment 25% in 2022 = €400k with remaining €100k for Mobility & Travel Grants and Staff/Admin Costs (total €500k already received in 2022). Then commit a further €1m approx. in 2023.

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