

AIS Forum Fully Funded Program: The Innovator Scholarship 2021

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Archipelagic and Island States Forum
(AIS Forum)

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The program is looking for talented individuals from AIS participating countries with marine science background and are currently taking a master's degree program. The selected candidates will be able to study for one semester (June – December 2021) and earn credit from the Universitas Diponegoro, Indonesia as the host university. The scholarship recipients have the chance to explore the possibility of transforming their ideas into a tangible solution with the guidance from marine ecosystem members or network of experts that are available at Universitas Diponegoro. At the end of the program, they will present their study and project results to representatives from the AIS Forum.

Partner University.

AIS Forum is partnering with [Universitas Diponegoro](#) with the Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Science as the Host faculty. The available courses can be selected from the following programs: [Master of Marine Science](#).

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Candidates will be able to select some of the best courses at the Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Science and have the opportunity to receive credits for their study. They can choose from a wide range of relevant subjects especially in the area of marine science. Moreover, the selected individuals will have access to on-campus events such as seminars, workshops, conference, site visit and internship. The available courses will be informed separately.

Outside of the classroom, the scholarship awardees are going to participate in some of the following activities such as:

1. Internship in Center of Excellence for Coastal Rehabilitation and Disaster Mitigation Studies (CoREM), Universitas Diponegoro
2. Internship in Center for Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM), Universitas Diponegoro
3. Internship in Marine Natural Product Laboratory, Universitas Diponegoro
4. Internship in Tropical Marine Biotechnology Laboratory, Universitas Diponegoro
5. Coastal Environment Problem Solving at Karimun Jawa Islands, Central Java
6. Lessons Learned of Coastal Environmental Hazard and Developing BwN (Building with Nature)
7. Internship Program at Marine Research and Observation Center (BROL), Perancak, Bali
8. Marine Biotechnology Camp in Jakarta
9. International Conference at Yogyakarta
10. Workshop on related themes at Universitas Diponegoro

Scholarship Component

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- Health insurance

Eligibility and Requirements

The Innovator Scholarship is aimed at early to mid-career professionals from AIS countries who are looking to expand their network and solve problems affecting archipelagic and island states. To be eligible for the program, at the time of application, each individual must:

1. Be a citizen of eligible countries (see the list in I)
2. Demonstrated leadership experience at an institutional or corporate level
3. Provide a relevant professional or academic experience in one of the four main AIS Forum areas of cooperation
4. Currently enrolled in a master's degree program of marine related subjects (e.g marine science, fisheries, etc)
5. Be between 18-35 years old

LIST OF AIS FORUM PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

Selection Process

The selection process consists of two stages and will be performed by independent reviewers from UNDP, the AIS Forum, and professionals from academic institutions, governments, and the private sector. The first stage is

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5. Two reference letters from supervisors or lecturers
6. Maximum 1,500 words of motivational essay and summary of the proposed innovative idea in marine issue.

The reference letters should address the following:

- Contact details: address, email address, and phone number
- How long have you known the applicant?
- In what capacity do you know the applicant? (e.g. professional, educational, supervisory, etc.)
- A brief description of the applicant, including his or her:
 - o Skills in leadership and professional context
 - o Personal and interpersonal qualities
 - o Contribution to the society

The essay should cover all the guiding questions:

- What concerns do you have about the future of archipelagic and island countries?
- What innovation or idea that you have to address those concerns, especially in related to marine issue?
- Why should we select you for this scholarship program?
- How would this scholarship help you to support your innovation in marine related areas?
- How would you contribute to AIS Forum after receiving the scholarship?

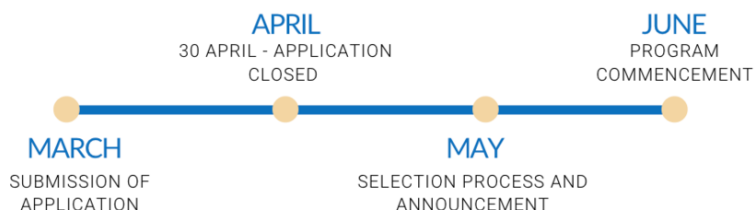
A group of selected candidates will be invited to the 2nd stage where they will be interviewed by a panel of reviewers that consists of representatives

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How to Apply

1. Check your eligibility and complete the application documents
2. Should you be interested to apply for this scholarship, kindly send all the sup documents to **registration@aisforum.org** with subject “**2021 AIS Innovator Scholarship**” no later than **30 April 2021**.

[SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION](#)

Contact Person

For further questions/clarification about the guidelines or essays, please contact Ms. Livita Sumali [livita.sumali@undp.org / secretary@aisforum.org]

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