# Ocean Stewardship Fund – Student Research Grants (SRG) Application Form

**Application closing date: 23:59 GMT on 5 December 2022**

*Please save and submit this form as a Word Document, without editing restrictions.*

*Applicants are advised to read the Application Guidance before starting their application.*

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## Eligibility requirements

Please make sure you meet all the following eligibility requirements before starting your application:

The applicant is a current Master’s or PhD student of fisheries science (or will be by the start of the project). Integrated Master’s students are eligible to apply during their final year only.

The project has the objective of studying some aspect of environmental improvement, performance or best practice in relation to a specific fishery and the MSC Fisheries Standard.

The fishery linked to the project is either MSC certified, in the In-Transition to MSC. (ITM) Program, a stage 4 pathway project fishery, or a comprehensive Fishery Improvement Project (FIP). See Application Guidance for more details.

# A. Personal Details

**You and your course**

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| **Student’s name** |  |
| **Student’s postal address** |  |
| **Student’s telephone number** |  |
| **Student’s email address (*this will be our main way of contacting you*)** |  |
| **What is the full name of your course?** |  |
| **What qualification level is your course? *E.g., MSc, PhD*** |  |
| **When does/did your course start?** |  |
| **When does your course finish?** |  |
| **Have you applied for Student Research Grant funding from the MSC before?** | Yes  No |

**Your project supervisor and educational institution**

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| **Project supervisor’s name and position** |  |
| **Institution’s name (*to which the student and project supervisor are affiliated*)** |  |
| **Institution’s postal address** |  |
| **Project supervisor’s telephone number** |  |
| **Project supervisor’s email address** |  |
| **Institution’s website address** |  |

# B. Project Details

**The fishery**

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| **Fishery name (as it appears on MSC’s** [**Track a Fishery**](https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/) **website or** [**Fishery Progress**](https://fisheryprogress.org/) **where applicable)** |  |
| **Target species** |  |
| **Gear type(s)** |  |
| **Annual catch volume (for all vessels operating in the fishery)** |  |
| **Maximum length of vessels** |  |
| **Processing onboard (e.g., icebox, refrigeration, tailing, shucking)** |  |
| **Country (or countries) that fishery is based in** |  |
| **LME region(s)** |  |
| **FAO region(s)** |  |
| **MSC status** | MSC certified  ITM  Stage 4 Pathway Project\*  Comprehensive FIP\*  **\*Please outline how the fishery meets these definitions and provide a link if available (see Application Guidance)**  \* Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Is this SRG application supporting improvements in any Fishery Improvement Project (FIP) listed on the** [**Fishery Progress**](https://fisheryprogress.org/) **website? If yes, please provide a web link to the FIP on Fishery Progress.** |  |

**Your project**

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| **Please select which subject area your project relates to:** | Target stock  Ecosystem impact  Management system |
| **When will your research project start?**  **(between April and September 2023)** |  |
| **When will your research project finish?**  **(the project must be no longer than 12 months or 18 in exceptional circumstances)** |  |

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| **Student’s research proposal** **(*maximum 800 words*)**  Students are strongly encouraged to read the SRG Application Guidance for information on how to complete this section. |
| **Project title**:  Click or tap here to enter text.  **Project summary**:  Click or tap here to enter text.  **Introduction**:  Click or tap here to enter text.  **Aim of the project**:  Click or tap here to enter text.  **Method**:  Click or tap here to enter text.  **Expected results**:  Click or tap here to enter text.  **Timeline of proposed SRG work**:  Click or tap here to enter text.  **Details of any other fisheries that might benefit from the project**:  Click or tap here to enter text. |

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| **Summary of any larger project(s) linked to the student’s project (if applicable). This work would NOT be funded by this SRG grant (*maximum 100 words*)**  Click or tap here to enter text. |

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| **How will your research benefit the fishery or fisheries associated with this project? (*maximum 200 words*)**  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Please outline the key outputs and outcomes of your project below:**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **MSC Fisheries Standard Performance Indicator(s)[[1]](#footnote-2)** | **Output(s) of your project e.g., data set, analysis of target stock / ecosystem, new tool, information manual, workshop etc.** | **Outcome(s) – what will your project achieve? E.g., improved performance against the MSC PI, reduced bycatch etc.** | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |
| **Why are you applying for a Student Research Grant? (*maximum 100 words*)**  Click or tap here to enter text. |

# C. Dissemination plan

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| **Please outline your plan for disseminating your research findings.**  *Please outline details of your dissemination plan below and read our guidance on the* [*SRG web page*](https://www.msc.org/what-we-are-doing/science-and-research/student-research-grant) *to help you develop this.*  Click or tap here to enter text. |

# D. Funding

**Breakdown of costs (please outline your expenditure in GBP):**

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| **Travel** | £ |
| **Accommodation** | £ |
| **Equipment (*max £250 permitted for any essential fixed assets e.g., computer, software*)** | £ |
| **Other, please specify (*e.g., translation services, production of final report, office supplies, etc. Please be as specific as possible.*)** | £ |
| **Total amount requested:**  **£ (*to be completed by applicant*)**  **over \_\_\_ months (*to be completed by applicant*)** | £ |
| **Have you applied for funding elsewhere for this project? Please provide details (*e.g., is this additional or matched funding contingent on the MSC SRG, when will you find out the outcome of your other application(s)*)?** |  |

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| **Please present assurance that sufficient other funding is available for you to complete your studies.** |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |

**How did you hear about the Student Research Grants?**

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| **MSC website** |  |
| **MSC newsletter** |  |
| **MSC social media** |  |
| **Internet search engine** |  |
| **From a friend/colleague/word of mouth** |  |
| **Other website (please specify)** |  |
| **Other (please specify)** |  |

**When completed, please send this form and supporting documentation to** [**OSF@msc.org**](mailto:OSF@msc.org).

**Supporting documentation checklist**:

Signed Declarations Form

Letter of support from the supervisor

Letter of support from the fishery, FIP implementer or project manager linked to the project (see Application Guidance on how to identify the individual who should write this letter and what the letter should include)

# Appendix. MSC Fisheries Standard Performance Indicators

For reference in relation to the outputs and outcomes table in Section B. Project Details.

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| **Principle** | **Component** | **Performance Indicator** |
| 1 | Outcome | 1.1.1 Stock status |
| 1.1.2 Stock rebuilding |
| Management | 1.2.1 Harvest Strategy |
| 1.2.2 Harvest control rules and tools |
| 1.2.3 Information and monitoring |
| 1.2.4 Assessment of stock status |
| 2 | Primary species | 2.1.1 Outcome |
| 2.1.2 Management |
| 2.1.3 Information |
| Secondary species | 2.2.1 Outcome |
| 2.2.2 Management |
| 2.2.3 Information |
| ETP species | 2.3.1 Outcome |
| 2.3.2 Management |
| 2.3.3 Information |
| Habitats | 2.4.1 Outcome |
| 2.4.2 Management |
| 2.4.3 Information |
| Ecosystem | 2.5.1 Outcome |
| 2.5.2 Management |
| 2.5.3 Information |
| 3 | Governance and Policy | 3.1.1 Legal and customary framework |
| 3.1.2 Consultation, roles and responsibilities |
| 3.1.3 Long term objectives |
| Fishery specific management system | 3.2.1 Fishery specific objectives |
| 3.2.2 Decision making processes |
| 3.2.3 Compliance and enforcement |
| 3.2.4 Management performance evaluation |

1. For information on the Performance Indicators within the MSC Fisheries Standard, please refer to the Appendix at the end of this Application Form. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)