



Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning System Fellowship programme in sea level science and applications 2007-2008

The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO is pleased to announce the availability of a number of fellowships for participants from the countries bordering the Indian Ocean¹. The fellowships are funded through a contribution from the Government of Norway to the IOC's Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning System program (IOTWS).

Goals of the programme

Following the Indian Ocean Tsunami of 26 December 2004, an extended network of tide gauges has been installed in the region. This network forms one of the main components of the observing network of the IOTWS.

The objective of this fellowship programme is to encourage further use of the sea level observing network for research and applications within the framework of a regional multi-purpose observing system. In the longer term, the strengthening of links between the sea level observing institutions (i.e. hydrographic, port agencies) and the scientific institutions (universities, oceanographic, fisheries and environment), as well as regional and international cooperation between participating institutions are an expected outcome.

The programme is part of the IOC's other efforts in the region to develop capacity for hazard mitigation through the COASTMAP-IO programme, the Ocean Data and Information Network for Africa (OdiAfrica), and capacity development in decision-support tools for management of coastal development.

¹ Countries include: Australia, Bangladesh, Comoros, Djibouti, East Timor, France, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kenya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Myanmar, Oman, Pakistan, Seychelles, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand, UK, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

Who can apply?

The fellowship programme is open to scientists, engineers and experienced tidal officers/technicians involved in sea level monitoring and/or associated research.

The fellowships are intended to allow qualified candidates to spend time at an institution, in for instance the GLOSS² or ESEAS² network, for further “on the job training”, operation and maintenance of national sea level networks, sea level data analysis and quality control in the context of coastal management, validation of circulation models, storm surge modeling, study of long-term sea level change for climate studies or product application development for port operations and safe navigation or similar.

Coverage of the fellowship

The fellowships are offered for a 1-3 month period and will cover air ticket and a stipend for living expenses during the training period.

How to apply

Fellowship applicants should fill in the application form given below and enclose:

1. CV providing information on educational and professional background, work and/or research interests and proposed workplan
2. Letter of recommendation from the head of your department/institution
3. Letter of acceptance from the host institution (optional, please see “Additional information”)

Only applications that are complete in all respects will be taken into consideration.

Where to send applications

The application form and enclosed documents should be submitted by e-mail, fax or hard copy to:

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² More information about the institutional network of the Global Sea Level Observing System (GLOSS) and the European Sea Level Service (ESEAS) are available at <http://www.gloss-sealevel.org/>, http://www.pol.ac.uk/psmsl/sea_level_contacts.html, <http://www.e seas.org/>

Additional information

Candidates are encouraged to make contact with a potential host institution/host scientist before submitting the application. However, please note that applications are encouraged even if a host institution has not been identified by the applicant.

Prospective host scientists interested in the programme are invited to contact IOC (please see above for contact details).

A good command of either English or the official language at the host institution is mandatory.

Final Report

Following the conclusion of the fellowship visit, the trainee and the host supervisor will be required to report on the activities carried out during the training visit. The report is to be submitted to IOC no later than 2 months after the fellowship ends.

Deadline

The deadline for applications is **June 30 2007.**

Awards will be announced by 30 July 2007.

APPLICATION FORM

Name and address of applicant

NAME:	SURNAME:
DATE OF BIRTH:	NATIONALITY:
GENDER:	
POSITION:	
INSTITUTION:	
POSTAL ADDRESS:	
E-MAIL ADDRESS:	
TELEPHONE:	FACSIMILE:

Please, include a CV describing your:

- educational background
- languages spoken/written and at what level
- professional background, present work and/or research interests
- present and future responsibilities in the sea level field
- expectations with respect to the fellowship programme
- workplan you would like to develop during the training
- preferences regarding the host institution, the duration and dates for the visit

Name and address of supervisor

NAME:	SURNAME:
POSITION:	
INSTITUTION:	
POSTAL ADDRESS:	
E-MAIL ADDRESS:	
TELEPHONE:	FACSIMILE:

It is essential that the candidate has the support from the head of his/her department or institution. Please, enclose a letter of recommendation from the head of your department/institution, stating (i) how the proposed visit will benefit the work/research at your institution and how you are and will be involved in this; and (ii) what financial commitments the department/institution is providing.

Name and address of supervisor at the host institution (*optional*)

NAME:	SURNAME:
POSITION:	
INSTITUTION:	
POSTAL ADDRESS:	
E-MAIL ADDRESS:	
TELEPHONE:	FACSIMILE:

If you have already established contact with a potential host institution, please ask your host supervisor to send us a letter of acceptance including (i) a brief description of the workplan to follow during the training and (ii) the duration and preferable dates for the visit.