



ANNUAL CONFERENCE Ostend, Belgium

17-19 SEPTEMBER 2025

FELLOWSHIPS



2021
2030 United Nations Decade
of Ocean Science
for Sustainable Development



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Terms and Conditions for Travel Fellowship Application

Dear Student and Young Ocean Professional,

We are pleased to offer a limited number of travel fellowships to support Early Career Ocean Professionals (ECOPs) and students in attending the **EMSEA 2025 Conference**, taking place in Ostend, Belgium, from **17-19 September 2025**.

These fellowships are offered with the support of the **National Decade Committee of Flanders**, in alignment with the goals of the **UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development**.

Eligibility Criteria

To apply for the EMSEA 2025 fellowship, applicants must meet the following criteria:


- Be a **student** or an **Early Career Ocean Professional (ECOP)**, defined as someone working in ocean-related fields for **less than 10 years post-degree**.
- Attend the **conference in person** (17-19 September 2025, Ostend, Belgium).
- Present an **accepted abstract** or contribute in another meaningful way (e.g., panel discussion, workshop).
- **Not receive other funding** that covers travel and accommodation expenses.
- Be **working or studying in fields related to the North Sea and/or Baltic Sea**, in line with the conference themes.
- Be **based in a European country**. Unfortunately, we are unable to support applicants requiring **visas or long-distance travel from outside Europe**, due to funding limitations and the regional focus.

Application & Selection Process

- Applications must be submitted via the **official online form** on the EMSEA 2025 Conference website before the **25th of April 2025**.



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- A **selection committee** will evaluate applications based on the relevance of the applicant's work, their financial need, and their potential contribution to the conference.
 - Successful applicants will be notified via email and must confirm their acceptance within **7 days** of receiving the award offer.

Funding & Reimbursement

- The travel fellowship will **partially reimburse travel and accommodation costs** of successful applicants.
- Reimbursements will only be processed **after** the conference, upon submission of:
 - **Original or scans/photos of travel receipts** (e.g., flight/train tickets, accommodation invoices).
 - **Proof of attendance** at the conference.
 - A **short post-event report** reflecting on participation and key takeaways.
- Travel expenses will be reimbursed (see Appendix 1 for the reimbursement form), and recipients must provide the necessary details upon acceptance of the fellowship.

Additional Conditions

- Fellowship recipients are expected to actively engage in the conference and may be asked to participate in outreach activities (e.g., social media posts, blog contributions).
- If a recipient **cancels** their attendance without a valid reason, they will no longer be eligible for reimbursement, and their funding may be reallocated.
- EMSEA reserves the right to make final decisions on all fellowship allocations.
- Award recipients will be invited to join the selection committee for next year's fellowship, regardless of their attendance at EMSEA 2026.

For further questions, please contact info@emseanet.eu.

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Appendix 1 – Reimbursement form with post-event report

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IBAN BE33 7340 6774 8546
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Expenses reimbursement

Name:
Bank account (IBAN):
SWIFT:
Bank name:
Country:

Description expenses	Amount in Euro (€)
<u>Travel expenses:</u>	
• Flight
• Train
• Hotel
•
Total in Euro	...

Fellowship Commitment

I confirm my willingness to be part of the selection committee for next year’s EMSEA fellowship, regardless of my attendance at EMSEA 2026.





Post-event report (optional)

Please write a short paragraph highlighting your participation in the conference and key takeaways or insights gained.