

Guidelines for Small Grants Program of Marine Biological Association of India (MBAI-SGP)

Purpose

The Small Grant is awarded by the Marine Biological Association of India to encourage and reward brilliant young graduate students to pursue small and significant research activity, related to marine ecosystem/ fisheries.

Encourage students to develop skill in preparing research projects, managing the project budget and also preparing reports.

The grant

The Small Grant amount is Rs 20,000 and will be awarded for one project. This will be awarded for a specific study once a year. The grant shall be used only for the approved project work.

Eligibility for Small Grant

The grant will be awarded to post graduate students of Marine Biology, Fisheries, Aquaculture or related life sciences. Only Students who have completed the first /second semester / or are in the third semester can apply.

Selection process

The advertisement calling for proposals for the award of Small Grant Research of MBAI will be in April every year at the MBAI website. The deadlines are

May 1 to 30th - Submission of application form

June 30th - Declaration of awardee

Disbursement of grant - Before 25th July

- A short research program relevant to the marine /coastal ecosystem, marine biology, or fisheries. Proposals on short studies on marine mammals, sea/coastal birds, turtles, will also be considered. The project should be prepared in the prescribed format given in the MBAI website and submitted on line to the MBAI. Hard copy also be submitted to the MBAI.
- The proposal should be an original idea specifying the work envisaged and its relevance.

- Students are eligible for the grant only once.
- The number of entries from an organization / College/Institute is restricted to three in one year. (In case there are more applicants from an Institute screening should be done at the Institute itself and only three should be forwarded to MBAI)
- The grant can be used for a laboratory work or field study (including behavioural studies or visual recording of unusual /rare natural changes/relationships.)

The proposal will be evaluated by a team of experts and the selection will be based on the relevance of the project.

Utilization of the grant amount

The research program should be completed within four months of receipt of funds. The grant amount can be used for local travels in connection with the project and contingencies. Small instruments if required in the project can be purchased and will be the property of the Institute after the completion of the project.

Submission of Final Report

The final report must be vetted by the mentor. On completion of the research work, the report should be submitted to the MBAI within two months. Detailed template for project report submission is given separately in the website.