



# Dr. E.G. Silas

## Small Grant Programme



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### Marine Biological Association of India (MBAI) announces Student Research Grants for small projects

The Marine Biological Association of India was established in the year 1958 to serve the cause of promotion of research on marine sciences in the Asia-Pacific region. Enshrined in the articles of the association is the primary cause to create among its members an active interest in the field of marine biology and allied marine sciences. From all over the world Institutional Members constitute nearly 1000. During the past 67 years, the Association has conducted a number of international symposia focusing attention on specific areas of topical interest in marine biology. The papers presented in the symposia have been published as proceedings which have been well received in different parts of the world.

### 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 two projects every year. 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. Only Students who have completed the first semester can apply.

### Selection process

The advertisement calling for proposals for the award of Dr. E.G. Silas Small Grant programme of MBAI will open every year at the MBAI website.

- 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 on the MBAI website and submitted online to the MBAI. Hard copy should also can be submitted to the MBAI.
- The proposal should be an original idea specifying the work envisaged and its relevance and should be forwarded through proper channel.
- Students are eligible for the grant only once.
- 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 Student has to necessarily carry out the work on the topic submitted for award

### Utilization of the grant amount

The research programme should be completed within four months of receipt of funds. The grant amount can be used for project work and contingencies. Small instruments if required in the project can be purchased and will be the property of the Institute where the student has worked 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. The awardee should present his research findings to in front of the GB of the MBAI.

Detailed template for project report submission is given separately on the website

### The deadlines are

Submission of application form : 1<sup>st</sup> January to 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
Declaration of award : 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2026

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