Eoin Sweeney Scholarship Award 2020

**Background**

This programme has been established by the Marine Institute and PLOCAN (Oceanic Platform of the Canary Islands), in memory of Eoin Sweeney (1947-2017), who was a key figure in the development of the Irish marine industry sector, particularly ocean energy and ocean observing technologies.

**Proposal**

We propose a structured research PhD for four years (or MSc for two years) on a full-time basis. The project objectives are open to determination by the applicant. The successful project will address a research challenge associated with advanced ocean technology development and/or ocean observing systems, with components of the proposed research conducted both at an Irish higher education institution and at PLOCAN, making use of test-bed and demonstration facilities in Ireland and Spain.

**Specific Requirements**

The scholar should have a primary degree in oceanography, marine engineering or other relevant marine science discipline. The scholar is expected to spend two to three months per annum based at PLOCAN, Spain. The available budget for the Scholarship will allow for this requirement (see details below).

**Financial Details**

The scholarship award will be up to €30,000 per annum (maximum funding of €120,000 over 4 years). This amount comprises a maintenance award of €18,000 (Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine rate) to the student as well as payment of fees to the host higher education institution (HEI). The maximum fees payable to the HEI will be €6,000 per annum. The scholarship award also includes a budget of up to €6,000 per annum for research costs (travel, consumables, publications, laptop, etc.) for the sole use of the student and is payable on a reimbursement basis direct to the host institution at which the postgraduate student (scholar) is registered. There are no overheads payable on the scholarship. Publication costs are intended to cover publications on which the scholar is listed as first author and are published under Open Access.

**Call Closes:** Tuesday, 21st July 2020 16:00

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