



2020 ITOPF R&D Award

A unique opportunity to take part in the shipping industry's initiative to support research and development



ITOPF is recognised and respected globally as a source of objective technical expertise on accidental spills of oil, chemicals and other substances in the marine environment. As part of its mission to promote effective spill response, ITOPF's Board of Directors, representing shipowners and their insurers, established the 'ITOPF R&D Award' in 2011. The purpose of this initiative is to encourage organisations worldwide to inspire innovative thinking among their students and to present ideas that could provide realistic solutions to some of the challenges faced in spill response and environmental monitoring.

**Up to £50,000 available to fund R&D projects each year,
see over for how to apply**

**Deadline for 2020 Award
30 November 2019**

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Background

Each year, over 7800 million tonnes of oil, chemicals, raw materials and finished goods are safely delivered by sea. Nevertheless, from time-to-time accidents do occur that result in pollution of the marine environment by oil or chemicals. The severity of the pollution depends upon many factors. Continuous improvement in the understanding of the fate and effects of these substances will lead to improvements in accepted 'best practice' for spill response and environmental monitoring.

ITOPF's shipowners and their Protection and Indemnity (P&I) insurers recognise the importance of nurturing good quality R&D in these areas and, for this reason, have established the annual '**ITOPF R&D Award**'. Each year up to £50,000 will be made available to fund R&D projects that make a valuable contribution to improving the knowledge and understanding of issues related to accidental marine pollution.

To qualify

The '**ITOPF R&D Award**' is open to any reputable R&D establishment or other organisation world-wide intending to fund a candidate (individual or project team) to undertake research. Applications are invited from all academic disciplines, although preference will be given to those with an applied scientific focus, such as marine biology, chemistry, ecology, physics, engineering, economics, etc.

Assessment procedure

Applications for the '**ITOPF R&D Award**' will be assessed by the ITOPF R&D Committee comprising:

- The Technical Director of ITOPF as the Committee Chair
- A well-respected external and independent member of the scientific community as the Committee Secretary
- At least one other independent, objective scientist jointly selected by the Committee Chair and Secretary
- One other member of ITOPF's technical staff

How to apply

Candidates wishing to apply for the '**ITOPF R&D Award**' should visit the ITOPF website at <http://www.itopf.org/in-action/r-d-award/> where further information and an electronic application form is provided.

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