



ITOPF R&D Award 2021



£75k

Funding available for research projects on accidental spills of oil and cargo in the marine environment

ITOPF is recognised and respected internationally as a source of objective technical expertise on accidental spills of oil, chemicals and other substances in the marine environment.

The ITOPF R&D Award provides up to £75,000 each year to support a combination of PhD and short-term projects which have the potential to lead to improvements in all spill related matters. This funding typically supports research costs, plus a student stipend and university fees in the case of a PhD project.

The Award is open to any reputable R&D establishment or other organisation worldwide intending to fund a PhD candidate or project team to undertake relevant research. Applications are invited from all academic disciplines, although preference is given to those with an applied scientific focus.

This year, special consideration will be given to projects addressing:

- HNS spills
- Plastic pollution derived from spills
- Mariculture
- Oil at sea weathering quantification
- Remote sensing (imagery and sampling/analysis)

To apply for the ITOPF R&D Award, please visit our website at www.itopf.org/in-action/r-d-award/

For further information contact us at rdaward@itopf.org

Important dates

1st September – Applications open
30th November – Applications closing date
February 2021 – Award granted

10th anniversary of ITOPF R&D Award • £400,000 already awarded to projects worldwide



About ITOPF

ITOPF is maintained by the world's shipowners and their insurers on a not-for-profit basis to promote effective response to spills of oil, chemicals and other substances in the marine environment.

Since ITOPF's establishment in 1968, our technical staff have attended on-site at over 800 shipping incidents in 100 countries to provide objective and scientific advice on clean-up measures, the effects of pollutants on the environment and economic activities, and on compensation. These incidents can involve oil, chemicals and other bulk or packaged cargoes, as well as bunker fuel from all types of ship.

Our first-hand experience of pollution incidents is utilised during contingency planning and other advisory assignments for government and industry. We are an authoritative source of information on marine spills and share our knowledge at training courses and seminars throughout the world, encouraging best practice through outreach and education.

As part of our mission to promote effective spill response, we are proud to invest in R&D on behalf of our shipowners and their insurers.

Technical Services

