



## **IMLI COMMENCES ITS ADMISSIONS PROCESS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021**

The IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) wishes to bring to the attention of its esteemed readers that the admissions process for the academic year 2020-2021 is now open.

IMO circulated to all its Member States Circular Letter No. 4189 announcing IMLI's Master's programmes in International Maritime Law and International Maritime Legislation for the academic year 2020-2021 and inviting governments to nominate officials to these programmes.

The Circular Letter (attached for ease of reference) recalls that *'The programmes include in-depth education in international maritime law and training in the drafting of maritime legislation for the incorporation of IMO treaties into national legislation. It has been recognized that the most effective way to assist countries in implementing IMO treaties is the expert training of their own nationals. These nationals will subsequently constitute the initial nucleus of a well-established cadre of specialists in international maritime law, competent in maritime legislation drafting, which is of paramount importance for the safe operation and development of the shipping and port industries, the protection of the marine environment, as well as the achievement of IMO's objectives.'*

As noted in the Circular Letter, participation in the programmes is offered on the widest possible geographical basis, but the number of admissions per country is limited. Fifty per cent of admissions are reserved for suitably qualified women candidates. It is noteworthy that a number of donors have agreed to provide fellowships for chosen government nominated candidates, if they meet their selection criteria.

For the timely selection of candidates, it is essential that the completed documents, including application and nomination forms, as well as the fellowship application form where applicable, reach the Institute by 31 March 2020.

The relevant application packages are available on the IMLI website [www.imli.org](http://www.imli.org). For any additional information, please contact Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja at [admissions@imli.org](mailto:admissions@imli.org).

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To: All IMO Member States

Subject: **Nomination of candidates: Master's Programmes at the IMO International Maritime Law Institute, Malta, October 2020 to June 2021**

1 The Secretary-General is pleased to announce that the Master of Laws (LL.M.) programme in International Maritime Law and the Master of Humanities (M.Hum.) programme in International Maritime Legislation will be held at the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) in Malta from October 2020.

2 The Institute was established in Malta under the auspices of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) with the generous provision of the premises and related facilities by the Government of Malta.

### **Academic programmes**

3 The LL.M. and M.Hum. programmes have been designed as intensive specialized postgraduate programmes in international maritime law. Whereas the LL.M. programme is open exclusively to graduates in law, the M.Hum. programme is open to candidates holding a degree in any other discipline related to international maritime law. The programmes include in-depth education in international maritime law and training in the drafting of maritime legislation for the incorporation of IMO treaties into national legislation. It has been recognized that the most effective way to assist countries in implementing IMO treaties is the expert training of their own nationals. These nationals will subsequently constitute the initial nucleus of a well-established cadre of specialists in international maritime law, competent in maritime legislation drafting, which is of paramount importance for the safe operation and development of the shipping and port industries, the protection of the marine environment, as well as the achievement of IMO's objectives.

### **Nomination of candidates and application process**

4 Nomination of candidates by the Government concerned (nominating authority) should be made using the nomination form, which forms part of the "**Application Package for Nominated Candidates for 2020-2021**" and can be downloaded from the Institute's website: <http://www.imli.org/programmes-and-courses/how-apply-1>. For the timely selection and notification of candidates, **it is essential that the completed documents, including application and nomination forms, and the fellowship application form where applicable, reach the Institute by 31 March 2020.** The selection of candidates will take place soon after the deadline. Those selected and the concerned nominating authority will be

informed accordingly by the Institute. Selected candidates will be required to arrive at the Institute prior to the commencement of the academic year, and in case they are unable to do so, for whatever reason, they should inform the Institute as soon as possible and withdraw their applications.

5 By submitting an application and nominating a person for studies at the Institute, both the applicant and the nominating authority are confirming that they are aware of the national legislative and/or administrative requirements which have to be met by selected applicants, prior to travelling to the Institute and commencing their studies; that the aforesaid requirements are met for the duration of their studies; and that they will promptly take the actions required to comply with these requirements.

6 Participation is offered on the widest possible geographical basis, but the number of admissions per country is limited. Accordingly, should nominations be made for two or more candidates from one country, a priority order should be indicated by the nominating authority. It should be noted that 50% of admissions are reserved for suitably qualified women candidates.

7 The applicant or the nominating authority bears the cost of the application processing fee of €150 and the nominating authority is responsible for the payment of the programme fee, which is €34,000. Where a fellowship is awarded, the nominating authority remains responsible for the payment of the additional funding component. Please refer to the Institute's application documentation for further information.

### **Fellowships**

8 In order to be considered for a fellowship, the applicant must first be cleared academically. Subsequently, the Institute will endeavour to identify suitable fellowship donors. Fellowship applications are processed directly by the Institute in close liaison with the fellowship donors on the basis of merit and the individual parameters established by the various donors. All fellowship requests should thus be addressed to the Institute directly.

9 The fellowship application form should be accompanied by proof of payment of the fellowship application fee of €200 via bank transfer to the Institute's bank account (all fellowship application fees and bank transfer charges are to be borne by the applicant and are in addition to the application and processing fee).

10 The fellowship application fee covers all administrative costs incurred in approaching potential sponsors and seeking fellowship funding for the candidates, while the application processing fee covers the cost of compiling applicants' files, preparing their individual profiles, keeping them informed and assisting selected candidates until their arrival at the Institute.

11 Prospective applicants and nominating authorities are urged to familiarize themselves with the detailed information on the programmes syllabi and application procedure that can be found in the "**Application Package for Nominated Candidates for 2020-2021**" on the Institute's website: <http://www.imli.org/programmes-and-courses/how-apply-1>.

12 The Secretary-General wishes to take this opportunity to express appreciation to the Government of Malta for its support.