Walter Munk Scholar Award & Commemorative Lecture

Oceanographer Walter Munk was renowned for his significant contributions to the study of oceanography, including: pioneering work on predicting wave and surf conditions, underwater sound propagation, internal waves, and development of acoustic tomography.

The Walter Munk Scholar Award is jointly sponsored and awarded by the Walter Munk Foundation for the Oceans (WMFO) and the Marine Technology Society (MTS). The Award is presented annually to a scholar currently enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate or postdoctoral program. It recognizes their outstanding contributions in areas fostered by the sponsoring organizations. Established in 2019, the Award honors Walter Munk’s legacy of daring exploration and discovery through ocean scientific and technology research, ocean education or ocean conservation. MTS membership is not required.

Only one completed nomination form will be accepted for each candidate. If a completed nomination form has already been accepted for your candidate, you will be notified. Only the information requested on this form will be used in the review of your candidate. Complete nomination packets are due by May 31.

Required Information

- Your contact information
- Contact information of nominee
- Nominee CV
- Statement of Nomination reflecting on the nominee’s contribution to the development, application, and propagation of marine technology toward the advancement of ocean exploration (4,000 characters or fewer, including spaces)
- Three letters of support and contact information for supporters

The nomination process is competitive. Please be sure to include enough information about your nominee to provide the Awards Nominating Committee with a complete description of your nominee and his/her/their accomplishments.