

Walter Munk Scholar Award and Commemorative Lecture



OVERVIEW:

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.

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.

AWARD INCLUDES:

- Engraved bronze medal
- Presentation of the **Walter Munk Scholar Commemorative Lecture** at the annual OCEANS Conference
- Life Membership in MTS
- Recognition in MTS Currents newsletter
- Publication of their Commemorative Lecture in the MTS Journal

- Full registration, travel and accommodations at the North American OCEANS Conference featuring their lecture

NOMINATION PROCESS

ELIGIBILITY:

Nominees:

- MTS membership is not required.
 - Candidates must be currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program or a post-doctoral fellowship at an accredited university or college, pursuing education and/or research in areas of ocean science, technology, exploration and conservation.

Nominators:

- MTS membership is not required
- Must be a mid to late career ocean scientist or engineer
- Duplicate nominations for one individual will not be considered. However, one co-nominator is permitted (but not required) per nomination.

Two or more nomination packages for a single candidate will not be considered. If separate packages are received for one candidate, the nominators will be asked to combine them. Nomination package must contain all the following files, which should be **no more than two (2) pages in length per document**:

1) Nomination letter with one-sentence citation.

Letterhead stationary is required, and must include the nominator's name, title, institution and contact information. The citation should appear at the beginning of the nomination letter and be no more than 150 characters. Clearly stated must be the nominator's description of why and how this nominee stands out among their pool of peers (undergraduate, graduate student, post-doctoral fellow, etc.)

2) Nominee's curriculum vitae (CV).

Candidate's name; mailing and email address; history of employment; degrees; research experience; honors; memberships, and service to the community through committee work, etc.

3) Three (3) letters of support (in addition to nomination letter)

Letterhead stationary is required and must include: supporter's name, title, institution, and contact information.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

Nominations open: January 1

Nominations close: May 31

Nominations for the Walter Munk Scholar Award must be submitted through the online submission system:

www.mtsociety.org/awards-honors, or
<http://waltermunkfoundation.org/>

Nomination packages submitted online must be complete at the time of submission. Please note that only complete package will be forwarded to the Walter Munk Scholar Award Committee for review.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee is comprised of 4 - 6 members, with an equal number from each sponsoring organization, appointed by their respective Board of Directors.