



## Marine Alliance for Science and Technology for Scotland Graduate School

### Ten Prize PhD Studentships

+ 40 other funded PhD places in marine science across Scotland

The Marine Alliance for Science and Technology for Scotland (MASTS) Graduate School offers a unique environment for the training and development of the next generation of marine scientists in institutions across Scotland. When you apply for a MASTS Prize Studentship, your application may also be considered for other funded places in the MASTS institutions.

The work of MASTS will cover nine distinct Joint Research Themes, each concerned with a key component in understanding our marine environment:

- Biodiversity and ecosystem function: “the web of life in the oceans”
- Coastal zone: “the land-people-sea interface”
- Marine predators: “bellwethers of change”
- Sustainable mariculture: “Scotland’s largest agricultural export”
- Genomics: “predicting effects and responding to change”
- Fisheries: “sustainable harvesting from the oceans”
- Physical oceanography: “the fundamental driver of change”
- Modelling: “synthesising knowledge and building hypotheses”
- Platforms and sensors: “observing the oceans”

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#### MASTS Prize Studentships

MASTS is offering ten funded PhD studentships for students from the UK and overseas. These prestigious, competitive awards are intended to attract the brightest students from around the world.

MASTS Prize Students will be registered for a PhD with any suitable qualified member of staff at one or more of the participating universities, but the research may be undertaken within any of the partner institutions:

- Edinburgh Napier University
- Heriot-Watt University
- Marine Scotland (Science)
- Scottish Association for Marine Science (UHI)
- University Marine Biological Station Millport
- University of Aberdeen
- University of Glasgow
- University of St. Andrews
- University of Stirling
- University of Strathclyde

The MASTS Graduate School will provide the focus for training, drawing on world-leading experts from across the MASTS partner institutions. They will provide access to masters courses, dedicated seminars on specialised topics, lectures by distinguished visitors, annual summer schools and access to equipment and facilities from across the partnership.

Guidance to applicants may be found at [www.masts.ac.uk](http://www.masts.ac.uk).  
Full applications and references must be submitted at [www.masts.ac.uk](http://www.masts.ac.uk) by **8<sup>th</sup> March 2010**.

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### Further Funded PhD places in Scotland

Applicants for the ten MASTS Prize studentships may also be considered for the other marine science studentships available within Scotland.

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