

IUMI application for WMU bursary: Marine Insurance Law & Practice Postgraduate Diploma programme

In March 2020 IUMI signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the World Maritime University (WMU), an institution established within the framework of the International Maritime Organization (IMO). The MOU forms part of IUMI's education programme and aims to deliver the highest standards in marine insurance education.

The WMU's Marine Insurance Law & Practice Postgraduate Diploma programme is of particular relevance to marine insurers. The course consists of five modules and offers an outstanding academic foundation for professionals in the marine insurance industry to develop their expertise and careers. It is also suitable for professionals who are planning to move into the field of marine insurance.

As part of the MOU, IUMI offers two bursaries per academic year for the Marine Insurance Law & Practice Postgraduate Diploma programme. Both bursaries cover 75% (US\$ 4,387.50) of the full tuition fee for each candidate. The remaining 25% of the tuition fee (US\$ 1,462.50) must be borne by both winners themselves. All students who successfully pass the IUMI online tutorial exam (either hull or cargo) are eligible to apply for the two bursaries.

In the following please find information about the application requirements, the selection process as well as the application form to be filled in by each applicant.

To apply for a start in the academic year 2026 please send your application form and motivation letter to Monique Kleinschmidt at the IUMI secretariat (monique.kleinschmidt@iumi.com) by **Friday, 31 July 2026**. The entry date to begin the studies is September 2026.

Eligibility

IUMI requirements:

- Only candidates who successfully completed either the IUMI Cargo Examination or the IUMI Hull Examination are eligible to apply for the WMU bursaries.
- Applicants may be working for an IUMI member association or a member company of an IUMI member association.
- Candidates who are not an IUMI member but have a keen interest in marine insurance are also eligible to apply for the bursaries.

WMU requirements:

- A minimum of five years' work experience
- A Bachelor's degree in a relevant discipline (with full transcript) and/or
- The highest grade certificate of competency for unrestricted service as master mariner or chief engineer

English language requirements:

All applicants must submit an internationally recognized English language proficiency test. Acceptable tests include IELTS, TOEFL, Cambridge examinations, and GCE O-levels in English language. Other tests are accepted by the Admissions Board only under exceptional circumstances; applicants should check with the Registry in such cases.

Candidates are assessed in accordance with the following general guidelines:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

IBT: 80+

PBT: 550+

WMU's TOEFL institution code is 9198.

- International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

band 6.0 or above

Please note: the academic, not the general training, version of the test is required

- Cambridge Examinations

Proficiency (CPE)

Students who have a pass in a GCE O-level or the equivalent (WAEC, CXC etc.) must enclose a copy of their examination results for evaluation by the Admissions Board.

Sometimes applicants' test results meet the University's general guidelines, but show weaknesses in a certain skills area. In such cases, the Admissions Board will evaluate the skill level based on guidelines shown above. Information on TOEFL may be obtained through US embassies/consulates or the US Information Service, and on the IELTS and Cambridge Examinations from the British Council or Australian or UK embassies/consulates.

More information can be found by visiting these websites:

<https://www.ets.org/toefl>

<https://www.ielts.org>

<https://www.cambridgeenglish.org>

Motivation letter

Each applicant for the bursaries must send a letter to show their motivation for the application. In this letter they should outline why they are applying for the scholarship. This should include answers to questions such as:

- Why do they wish to take the WMU's Marine Insurance Law & Practice Postgraduate Diploma programme?
- How will studying the course contribute to their careers?

Application process

The WMU's academic year for the Marine Insurance Law & Practice Postgraduate Diploma programme starts in the second half of September every year. Applications can be submitted to the IUMI secretariat at any point during the year and as soon as the candidate has successfully passed the IUMI cargo or the IUMI hull exam. Each application will be taken into consideration by the Education Forum in August of each year so that the recipients of the bursaries can enrol for the programme in September of the same year.

Selection criteria for IUMI Education Forum

All applications are to be reviewed by the members of IUMI's Education Forum. The EF members choose a candidate to receive the bursary on the following basis:

1. 50% IUMI exam result
2. 50% rationale for the application as outlined in the motivation letter

Deadline & submission of application

Please submit the application form (page 4 of this document) and your letter to describe the motivation for your application for one of the two partial bursaries to Monique Kleinschmidt of the IUMI secretariat (monique.kleinschmidt@iumi.com) by **Friday, 31 July 2026**.

APPLICATION FORM:
IUMI partial bursary for WMU Marine Insurance
Law & Practice Postgraduate Diploma
 Academic entry: September 2026

Applicant's information

Last name:	
First name(s):	
Date of birth:	
Nationality:	
Employer:	
Employer's address:	
IUMI member association (if applicable):	
Home address:	
Phone number:	
Email:	

Applicant's education details

Highest educational qualification:	
Institution:	
City:	
Date of highest qualification received:	

 Place, date

 Applicant's signature