

## WORLD MARITIME UNIVERSITY

### FORM FOR MOTIVATIONAL STATEMENT BY THE ITF SEAFARERS' TRUST FELLOWSHIP APPLICANTS

**This form is to be completed only by those applicants who wish to be considered for an ITF Seafarers' Trust Fellowship**

- a/ This form must be completed by the applicant in English and must be typed. Please keep answers within the boxes provided.
- b/ Applicants who complete this form must also complete the Application for Financial Support from Donors form.
- c/ Only applicants to the 14-month, standard programme are eligible.
- d/ The responses should be as full as possible. The amount of detail provided is crucial to the donor's decisions.
- e/ Applicants should consult [www.seafarerstrust.org](http://www.seafarerstrust.org) and [www.itfglobal.org/](http://www.itfglobal.org/) for more information about the ITF Seafarers' Trust and the ITF aims and objectives before completing the form.
- f/ This form should be saved as a pdf file and attached to your on-line application or returned to [MSc@wmu.se](mailto:MSc@wmu.se). Paper forms are not accepted.

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**Applicant's name:**

**Position:**

**Organisation:**

**Email:**

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The ITF Seafarers' Trust (ITFST) is a charitable organization funded by the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF). Our focus is on improving the welfare and wellbeing of seafarers. This includes developing capacity to improve implementation of regulations relating to seafarers - including their human rights, living and working conditions and occupational safety and health.

Our interest in sponsoring scholarships to WMU is to ensure that maritime administrations around the world are conscious of the particular challenges faced by seafarers and equipped to deal with them in an equitable and efficient manner. We encourage improvements of the prospects of national seafarers through education, training and cabotage regimes as well as decent working and living conditions, facilities for seafarers working internationally.

Some examples of specific issues that we consider important to address include: abandonment of seafarers, criminalization of seafarers, mental health and wellbeing, flag and port state implementation of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, access to shore-based medical and welfare, regulation of recruitment and placement services, impact of lengths of contract and hours of work/rest on seafarers' health, and improvements to the reporting of accidents/incidents at sea.

1. **WHAT IS YOUR PERSONAL MOTIVATION FOR APPLYING TO THE WMU PROGRAMME IN MARITIME AFFAIRS?**

2. **WHAT CHALLENGES DO YOU AND YOUR ORGANISATION FACE IN THE MARITIME FIELD?**

3. **WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO STUDY OR RESEARCH AT WMU IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THOSE CHALLENGES?**

4. **HOW WOULD YOUR INTENDED AREAS FOR RESEARCH ALIGN WITH THE TRUST'S INTEREST IN ADDRESSING THE HUMAN ASPECTS OF THE MARITIME SECTOR? WHAT WOULD BE THE FOCUS OF YOUR DISSERTATION?**

5. **HOW WOULD YOU PUT INTO PRACTICE YOUR LEARNING AT WMU FOR THE BENEFIT OF SEAFARERS IN AND/OR VISITING YOUR COUNTRY?**

6. **HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF A TRADE UNION OR BEEN INVOLVED IN TRADE UNION WORK?**

7. **IN THE EVENT OF YOU RECEIVING AN ITF SEAFARERS' TRUST FELLOWSHIP, HOW WOULD YOU PROMOTE THE TRUST IN THE FUTURE? WHAT PROFESSIONAL AND/OR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO EXTEND TO MARITIME AFFILIATES OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS' FEDERATION (ITF) IN YOUR COUNTRY?**