



Grants to University students from the Westfjords Fisheries Cluster

Intended recipients: Undergraduate or graduate students at Icelandic universities.

For what: Final projects that increase the value of fisheries companies and strengthen the economy of the Westfjords by promoting the sustainable use of marine resources and the development of human capital.

What kind of projects: Projects can be proposed from two starting points. Either come up with an idea yourself or work on predetermined ideas from companies in the Westfjords Fisheries Cluster. A number of companies are partners in the Westfjords Fisheries Cluster. In addition to the grant, they can be consulted for participation, whether their participation is in the form of information sharing, raw material collection or use of facilities.

An Ocean of Ideas will select 3-5 final projects that will receive grants ranging up to 1.000.000 ISK depending on the scope.

The application deadline is November 25th, 2025.

The aims of the final projects are to:

- Encourage innovation.
- Create connections between university students and companies through project collaboration.
- Create new and desirable jobs in the fisheries sector or related industries in the Westfjords.
- Promote the sustainable use of marine resources and the strengthening of human capital and safety.

Projects may focus on any topic related to the fisheries sector, across all fields of study. They can therefore be undertaken on a broad academic basis and within various disciplines. The grants are intended to cover expenses directly related to the research, such as sampling, research activities, measurements, interviews, safety measure, or other relevant expenses.

Applications

Applications are made on the Ocean of Ideas project page

The following needs to be included in your application:

1. Applicant name, national identification number (kennitala), and email address
2. Summary of the project
3. Educational institution
4. Project partners
5. Objectives of the project
6. A description of the background of participants and their partner institute, if applicable
7. Which type of co-operation company is requested
8. Amount applied for
9. Description of how the project will promote the fishery industry in the Westfjords or improve the Westfjordan community
10. Implementation plan
11. Timeplan
12. Budget

Assessment group

An Ocean of Ideas assessment team will select from the submitted applications.

