

EMB Young Ambassador programme

The European Marine Board (EMB) Young Ambassador Programme, established in 2019, is a 2-year programme aiming to increase awareness and engagement from early career scientists in marine science-policy issues and make their voices heard within EMB's activities. The Young Ambassadors are EMB's link to the early career researchers and through this initiative, EMB aims to help create the ocean humanity needs for the future we want.

For our third cycle, starting in April 2021, EMB is looking for two enthusiastic, engaged and creative young ambassadors that are willing to play an important role in advocating for EMB and promoting the societal and political relevance of marine science and the ocean within their own communities, and to a wide diversity of stakeholders. The two new Ambassadors will collaborate and liaise with our [current Ambassadors and recent Alumni](#) to share experiences and ideas.

The EMB Young Ambassador Programme will:

- challenge you to use and showcase your talent to increase general awareness of marine science and the role of EMB in its promotion;
- enable you to get involved and create momentum around the launch of one of EMB's [strategic publications](#) or events;
- support you in promoting and communicating specific marine science foresight activities;
- enable you to interact directly with scientists and decision-makers from leading European marine science and policy organizations; and
- enable you to liaise with other Young Marine Ambassadors and experts in diverse activities.

Who can apply for the EMB Young Ambassador Programme?

Any PhD student or post-doc researcher (up to a maximum of four years post PhD at the time of application) that is willing to use their creativity, imagination, communication, artistic talents, and interpersonal skills to help promote EMB activities and marine science in general! EMB Young Ambassadors can be stationed inside or outside the EU and can have a background in any aspect related to the marine environment, including natural & socio-economic sciences or science communication. They do not need to be EU citizens, but they do need to have a demonstrable link with an [EMB Member Organisation](#).

What do we expect from the EMB Young Ambassadors?

EMB Ambassadors should engage with EMB for a period of 2 years, and thus it is advisable to have more than two years left of their PhD or Post-Doc position. This two-year programme will help the ambassadors to get involved in their assigned projects from the start to finish, and meet and liaise with relevant European and international experts. Engaging with the EMB Young Ambassador Programme should take up ca. 120 hours per year. Applicants should have a high level of both written and spoken English.

EMB Ambassadors will be requested to participate in various activities, including attending and participating in one or more EMB Plenary meeting(s) and/or other external events or workshops. This might include travel within Europe for a duration of 2-3 days, participation in online activities, and various communication activities (e.g. preparing infographics, cartoons or short video's) to promote the recommendations of EMB publications. The EMB will refund reasonable travel and subsistence expenses for these events, and/or reasonable expenses for agreed communication outputs up to a total amount of 3,000 EUR for the 2-year programme. Furthermore, the Ambassador will receive a total grant of 2,000 EUR (paid per semester, upon delivery of demonstrable outputs).

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Ambassadors will be offered a workshop to meet the members of the EMB Secretariat and the other Young Ambassadors, and to increase their knowledge of EMB activities, the European marine policy landscape, and to provide insight into working at the science-policy interface. This training workshop will be held online in April 2021, or at the EMB Offices in Ostend (Belgium) during the summer of 2021 if travel is allowed. The EMB will contact the selected Ambassadors to fix the exact dates.

Benefits for the EMB ambassadors:

The EMB Young Ambassador Programme creates a unique opportunity to:

- network with senior European and international marine science and policy experts from EMB member organisations and wider stakeholder networks;
- attend and participate in high-level marine science events;
- put into practise your intercultural, networking, project planning and professional skills in real science communication projects;
- receive first-hand updates on our progress and insight into our future plans and hot topics;
- help promote ocean literacy and gain the satisfaction of making the world a better place;
- receive a grant of up to 2,000 EUR spread over the 2-year period;
- be listed as an Ambassador on the EMB website; and
- be part of the EMB Ambassador Alumni Programme.

1. How to apply for the EMB Young Ambassador Programme?

You can apply for the EMB Young Ambassador Programme by sending the following information to info@marineboard.eu by **Sunday 28 February 2021**:

- Your CV;
- The completed application form including a short description on how you believe the ambassadorship could impact your career and what you would contribute to promoting the work of the EMB; and
- A recommendation and/or approval from your supervisor(s) to engage in the EMB Young Ambassador Programme.

Please include in the reference: “**EMB Young Ambassador 2021**” when sending in your application. If you want more information on the specific topic you would like to work on you can contact the EMB Secretariat via info@marineboard.eu.

We'll review the application and be in touch by the end of March 2021!