

### Introduction

The Solent Forum is an independent coastal partnership, established in 1992, to develop a greater understanding among the many local and harbour authorities, user groups, marine businesses and agencies involved in planning and management of the Solent. It assists and advises them in carrying out their functions. One of its members services is the [Professor Mike Clark Award](#), this seeks to further the knowledge base in the Solent by providing funding to help support dissertations undertaken by undergraduate and masters students.

View [past Award winners](#).

### Eligibility

All further education students, irrespective of the institution, may apply for the award as long as they meet the bursary criteria. The prime criteria is that the geographical area covered by the dissertation must coincide, either totally or partially, with the [Solent Forum's jurisdiction](#) (Hurst Spit to Selsey Bill and the north coast of the Isle of Wight). It must also be on a coastal topic or theme that helps to further the scientific knowledge of the Solent. Please see our [research needs list](#) for ideas. For successful submissions the Solent Forum can facilitate advice and support from Forum members.

### What we will Fund

The award will pay for essential travel and research expenses, such as laboratory costs. There is a limit of £300 per project, payable on receipt of expenses and the final dissertation. Evidence will need to be provided for expenses, for example scanned or online receipts.

### How to Apply

Students need to fill in the relevant application form, which can be downloaded at: [http://www.solentforum.org/services/Member\\_Services/Professor\\_Mike\\_Clark\\_Award/](http://www.solentforum.org/services/Member_Services/Professor_Mike_Clark_Award/). A group of academics and Solent Forum members will judge and allocate the Awards.

### Conditions

For those who are successful in their application, a condition of the funding will be that the Solent Forum will receive an electronic copy of the final dissertation. Recipients of the Professor Mike Clark Award will be invited to present their findings at a Solent Forum members' meeting.

### Timetable

Proposals must be submitted by 16 May 2025. A decision will be made by the end of May with regard to which applications have been successful and students will be informed before their summer break.

### Submission

All forms or enquiries to be submitted to: [solentforum@hants.gov.uk](mailto:solentforum@hants.gov.uk).

