

## **ISAP/GSSTAR: Call for funding applications to organize online workshops in applied phycology and algal biotechnology**

As part of the mission and commitment of ISAP to promote and contribute to the education of young generations of scientists and engineers dedicated to algal biotechnology, the society has decided to annually allocate funds to support training courses in applied phycology and algal biotechnology.

However, in 2021, with the persistence of the pandemic, it was considered impossible to plan any in-person training activities. As a result, ISAP decided, in collaboration with GlobalSeaweedSTAR (<https://www.globalseaweed.org/>), to launch a call aimed at supporting the organization of online workshops that will contribute to the achievement of the ISAP objectives (<https://www.appliedphycologysoc.org/>).

The workshops should address topics related to biological and engineering principles and practical and/or operational activities involved in cultivation, downstream processing and product formation of algae in general and macroalgae in particular.

The teaching mode of these workshops will be a combination of on-line lectures, given by experts from the relevant research field and/or industries, combined with movies/video clips illustrating specific techniques (e.g. cultivation methods, identification procedures, harvesting, dewatering, extraction etc.) utilized in algae-related applied research and applications.

**Who can apply?** Any member of the society who holds a permanent position at a research or teaching institution located in a DAC-listed country (<http://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/DAC-List-ODA-Recipients-for-reporting-2021-flows.pdf>) and can demonstrate experience in teaching and organization skills.

**In general, the online workshop should last for one working day.** It may consist of a number of theoretical lectures and one or more movies and/or video clips on practical techniques. The webinar must be free of charge for all the participants during the streaming.

At the end of the workshop, the recordings of the lectures and movies/video clips will be uploaded to the ISAP Webpage and be freely available for a period of 6 months.

This call is for support of a **workshop to be held before October 2021.**

**How much support is available?** The total support provided by the GlobalSeaweedSTAR Capacity Building Fund for each workshop will not exceed £2,000.

Funds can be used to cover:

- Expenses for the preparation of training movies/video clips
- Preparation of a manual or other training materials
- Promotional materials to support outreach and raise awareness of the workshop
- Purchase of small pieces of equipment (not exceeding £500 in value), provided equipment is clearly justified in the application and essential to the execution of the workshop.

The funds cannot be applied to expenses not directly connected to the workshop, such as:

- Overhead costs of the hosting institution (an official letter of support from the administrative authority must be included in the proposal, confirming the exemption of overheads)
- Salaries or honorarium for local staff or teachers.

**Proposals should include:**

- Short rationale of the workshop and its main goal (please be specific in describing the major topics and the targeted participants, as well as any other relevant information).
- Tentative dates and duration (hours) of course
- Name of coordinator, contact details and CV
- Detailed description of the proposed lectures and practical work
- Tentative list of trainers / lecturers with CV
- Detailed budget, with justification of the proposed expenses, and financing plan (including any other funding sources)
- Support letter from the applicant institution
- Detailed description of the activities conducted to promote the workshop which must include a short article about the results of the workshop for the ISAP newsletter
- Any other relevant information

Please complete the attached application form and submit it along with CVs and other supporting documents as PDF files by email to [roberto.dephilippis@unifi.it](mailto:roberto.dephilippis@unifi.it) AND [GlobalSeaweedSTAR@sams.ac.uk](mailto:GlobalSeaweedSTAR@sams.ac.uk)

Deadline for submission: **1<sup>st</sup> of April 2021.**