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On the 8-9 July 2025 we will be celebrating a decade of learning, discovery, and collaboration within the global aquaculture sector. Over the past 10 years, the ACES STAR MSc programme has been at the forefront of fostering knowledge, promoting sustainable practices, and driving innovation to ensure a future aquaculture sector that is both thriving and sustainable.

Attracting the highest calibre of aquaculture-focused students from around the world to study at three centres of excellence in aquaculture research – SAMS UHI (University of the Highlands and Islands), the University of Crete and Nantes University and to gain valuable industry experience

with over 60 affiliated partners worldwide - together, we've worked to safeguard marine ecosystems, improve production practices, and empower the next generation of aquaculture leaders.

This highly anticipated event will be attended by over 100

exceptional students and alumni from ~30 countries across the globe and is not just a reflection of our past achievements, but a reminder of the collective efforts that have shaped a vibrant community committed to advancing aquaculture worldwide.



“Over two days we will celebrate the aquaculture leaders of tomorrow who, through their dedication and passion, will ensure a global industry that is both sustainable and responsible.”

Prof Nick Owens CEO of SAMS

Keynote speaker



Prof Michalis Pavlidis
Coordinator of ACES-STAR,
University of Crete

Main conference

Tues 8th – Wed 9th July

Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS), Oban

*Current cohort dissertation presentations
Industry Networking Sessions
Industry Mini-Expo*

Dinner, Ceilidh & Awards Ceremony

Wed 9th July

The Argyllshire Gathering Halls, Oban

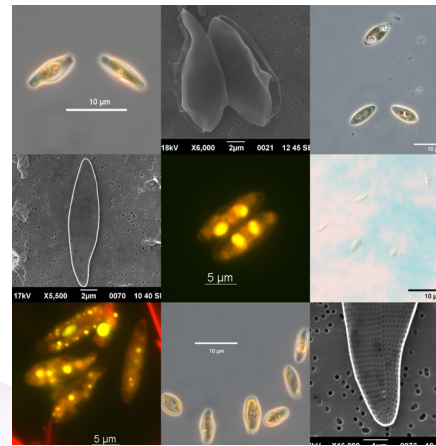
ABOUT

Joint Masters in Aquaculture, Environment and Society-STAR

Nurturing future leaders in global aquaculture, our Joint Masters in Aquaculture, Environment and Society-STAR (ACES-STAR) is a two-year programme teaching the practical and theoretical skills needed for a successful career in aquaculture through industry-led research programmes, internships and fieldwork, the course includes three six-month semesters at SAMS UHI, University of Crete and Nantes University, a three-month internship in the second semester and a five month dissertation placement in the fourth semester with one of our 64 affiliated partners globally.

Launched in 2015, this ambitious programme provides the theoretical and practical skills for a successful career in the aquaculture industry or in aquaculture research. The programme has now enrolled 185 students from 49 countries in 10 years, seeing 339 applications for 23 places on the course this year alone. ACES alumni are now spread across the world in careers from aquaculture consultancy, management and research.

The course is one of Europe's top rated Joint master's degrees, among the top international aquaculture programmes globally. It secured 81 Erasmus Mundus fully funded scholarships and 40 fee waiver places for the period 2022 – 2027. The completion rate is 98%, with over 70% of students gaining a distinction, and with over 10 alumni now already working in the Scottish Salmon industry or related sectors in the UK.



Sponsorship Opportunities

The conference is anticipated to attract over 150 people from the global aquaculture industry, some in decision-making positions. If you wish to align your brand to the Decade of ACES Conference 2025, there are a number of sponsorship opportunities available, showing your support for young leaders in our sector.

We are also planning to host a 'Mini Industry Expo' for commercial organisations to showcase their services and products to attendees during the breaks, networking sessions and lunches. This is a great space to connect with aquaculture professionals, sell product and promote future careers opportunities.



**All prices are excluding VAT*

Headline Sponsor

£5K

BENEFITS

- Logo visible on all conference marketing materials
- Logo on digital holding screens in conference rooms
- Four registrations to the full 2-day conference
- Two complimentary tickets for the Dinner & Awards Ceremony
- Thank you during the speeches at the Dinner & Awards Ceremony
- A table at the Industry Mini Expo
- Speaking opportunity before a conference session
- Case study (including hyperlinks) on the SAMS website
- PR and social media opportunities
- Any sized brochure or leaflet in delegate tote bag

Major Sponsor

£2.5K

BENEFITS

- Logo on selected conference marketing materials
- Two registrations to the full 2-day conference
- Two complimentary tickets for the Dinner & Awards Ceremony
- A table at the Industry Mini Expo
- Case study (including hyperlinks) on the SAMS website
- A4 leaflet in delegate tote bag

Dinner & Awards Ceremony

£1.5K

BENEFITS

- Two complimentary tickets for the Dinner & Awards Ceremony
- Your banner at the Conference Dinner welcome table
- Case study (including hyperlinks) on the SAMS website
- A4 leaflet in delegate tote bag

Mini Expo & advertising

- A table at the Industry Mini Expo - **£450 per day**
- Unmanned exhibition banner - **£200 per day**
- Brochure in delegate tote bag - **£200**
- One A4 leaflet in delegate tote bag - **£100**