



Blue Economy Youth Ambassadors • Portugal 2026

***Did you know that Portugal aspires to become a leader in the Blue Economy?
Join with us to develop a roadmap to build the Blue Economy Workforce ?***

Portugal's university students are invited to be the **Stone Soup Leadership Institute's Blue Economy Youth Ambassadors – Portugal 2026**. The purpose of this internship is to engage students in researching and helping develop a template for the Institute's **Blue Economy Career Pathways in Portugal**, identifying how ocean literacy, education, training, and industry opportunities can be connected across different sectors to build the Blue Economy workforce. The outcome of this initiative will be a template to build a **digital platform designed to help students explore careers in the Blue Economy**. The research and insights generated by the Youth Ambassadors will contribute to the foundations of this platform. Once developed, it will serve as a tool to help students better understand opportunities, educational routes, and professional pathways across different sectors of the Blue Economy, supporting more informed decisions about their future studies and careers.

The Blue Economy Youth Ambassadors Initiative is a **10-week program**.

Timeline: April 18 to June 13, 2026 (Estimated time commitment is 30 hours.)

- In-person orientation session in Cascais: **April 18**, followed by a research and interview training.
- In-person communication training session in Cascais **May 16**.
- Weekly zooms with the Institute's team develop communication skills, review progress, troubleshoot, brainstorm
- Student Presentation: **June 8, World Ocean Day** to invited government, industry, and partner organizations.
- The program will conclude with a debrief/celebratory session on **June 13**.

Interested students must be **nominated by a university representative** who recognizes their interest, knowledge, commitment, and leadership skills to contribute to Portugal's Blue Economy. Each student who successfully completes the program will receive **500€** and a **Blue Economy Youth Champion** certificate from the Stone Soup Leadership Institute. They can use this experience to develop their professional profile and professional networks with organizations across Portugal's blue economy.

During the program, students will research a selected Blue Economy sector by mapping educational routes, career opportunities, and industry needs. Their work will include conducting interviews with businesses, organizations, and education providers; identifying workforce needs and job opportunities; analyzing strengths, gaps, and opportunities within the pathway; and presenting their findings through written reports, presentations, video, and social media content. Students will also serve as ambassadors for their pathway, helping communicate their insights and raise awareness about opportunities within the Blue Economy.

The Institute's History & Case Study: College of Marin, California: (check more on our [website](#))

For seven years, the Institute has co-developed its **Blue Economy Career Pathways Platform** with youth, business and education leaders to create a roadmap for its blue workforce. In 2025, ten college students served as paid interns to research and be champions of one career pathway. They researched job projections, salary ranges, skills, and education requirements, and prepared reports with recommendations for how the college could expand its academic program to offer workforce training for blue companies. **Application deadline: April 1**
Please send your application signed by your nominator to miguel@blueeconomygeneration.org.

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