

## Turning the tide of ocean-driven innovation

Our oceans sustain life on Earth but face growing threats from unsustainable fishing practices, pollution and climate change. To secure a healthy planet and a thriving future, we must shift to a ocean economy that not only protects and restores marine ecosystems but also supports responsible development within our oceans.

Converge are collaborating with **Orbital Marine Power** to accelerate innovation in blue economy entrepreneurship, through a dedicated prize package within our 2026 programme, that champions the most promising breakthroughs from Scotland's universities.

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### THE OPPORTUNITY

Requiring bold innovation and transformative solutions, our **Blue Economy Award** empowers disruptive ideas in areas such as -

- marine renewable energy
- sustainable fisheries
- habitat restoration
- ocean waste management



### WHO CAN APPLY?

To compete for this award, you must -

- Be a student, staff member or recent graduate of a Scottish university
- Apply to, and be selected for, the Converge 2026 programme



### KEY BENEFITS

- Opportunity to take the first step towards commercialisation
- Expert business training
- Part of diverse cohort of university innovators
- Compete for a £50k prize fund plus additional Converge programme prizes.

### HOW TO APPLY

- Learn more about the Converge programme [here](#). Applications must be submitted by 2 April (12 noon).
- [Contact](#) our team to discuss your innovation.

### ABOUT US

Working in partnership with Scotland's universities, we equip staff, students and graduates with the knowledge, expertise and connections to build impactful businesses. [Find out more.](#)

**Blue Economy  
Co-Winner (2025)**

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