

2025 BIC Scholarship Award Winners announced

The winners of the 2025 BIC Scholarship awards have been announced.

The scholarship program was launched in 2015 to help support the container industry's leaders of tomorrow and to encourage continued focus on safety, security, standardization and sustainability in the intermodal container industry. Eligibility extends to university and maritime academy students enrolled in a program related to container transportation. This scholarship is awarded based on the recommendations of our partner universities — Constructor University Bremen, The University of Genoa, Liverpool John Moores University, Nanyang Technological University, and The World Maritime University — which selected their most deserving students for the award.

The winners of the 11th Annual BIC Fund Scholarship :



Muhammet Emin Dalmış, Constructor University Bremen

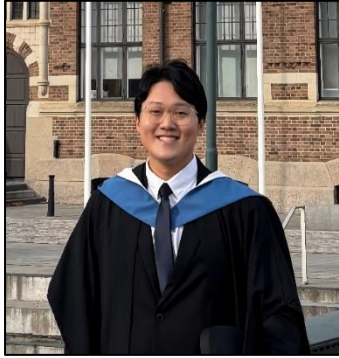
He is currently pursuing a Master of Science in Supply Chain Management at **Constructor University** (formerly Jacobs University) in Bremen, Germany. He previously graduated with honors from OSTİM Teknik University in Turkey, with a bachelor's degree in International Trade and Finance.

His professional goal is to become a supply chain strategist integrated with international trade and finance, focusing on critical infrastructure sectors. He is particularly interested in critical supply chain risk analysis and geopolitical impact assessment, including the application of Generative AI (LLMs) to identify financial risks in supplier contracts. His past internship experiences include roles at the Turkish Ministry of Trade (General Directorate of Customs) and STM Defense Technologies. His current academic work also involves case studies on large-scale 3D printing applications in maritime and aerospace engineering.



Mohamed Rayen Chahbani, Constructor University Bremen

I am originally from Tunisia. I graduated high school with a mathematics major, and had my Bachelor's degree in business administration with a finance minor. Currently, I am in my final year of Supply Chain Management MSc program in **Constructor University** (formerly known as Jacobs University). I am a big fan of German automobile manufacturers and I aspire to work as a supply chain manager or executive manager in one of their branches in the foreseeable future.



Jingab Yu, The World Maritime University

Jingab Yu completed his master’s degree at **the World Maritime University (WMU)**. There were several reasons why he chose WMU for his postgraduate studies. Firstly, he believed that WMU was closely related to his background, and that he could create synergy by combining his previous experiences with those gained at WMU, as he majored in logistics for his bachelor’s degree and currently works for the Busan Port Authority (BPA). Additionally, it is not

easy to find institutions that treat Port Management as a specific specialization, rather than including it under a more general subject. The possibility of building a network with future global leaders in the maritime sector was also a contributing factor. It was an incredible experience to study with colleagues from more than 50 different countries during one and a half years.

Jingab is very confident that the knowledge and experience he gained at WMU will be valuable for his future career, and he is truly honored to have the opportunity to share his experience through the Bureau International des Containers (BIC).



Obayan Joshua Gbopemioluwa, The World Maritime University

Obayan Joshua Gbopemioluwa is a Senior Shipping Development Officer at the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), where he currently serves as the Technical Aide to the Director of Shipping Development. He holds a Master’s in Maritime Affairs with a specialization in Shipping Management and Logistics from **the World Maritime University (WMU)**. His decision to study at WMU was driven by a desire to deepen his understanding of global shipping financial markets, operational dynamics, sustainability, and efficiency within the maritime value chain. Through his work, he continues to apply these insights to

advance shipping development initiatives and promote sustainable growth within Nigeria’s maritime sector.



Zoe Biava, The University of Genoa

I’m a soon-to-be graduate in Maritime and Port Economics and Management master’s program at **the University of Genoa**. Over the past five years, I have developed a real appreciation for how important the marine transport sector is to global trade and economic growth.

I'm curious by nature and always looking to learn more, especially when it comes to the operational side of port activities. I would like to keep broadening my knowledge in this field and contribute to the teams that keep the port operation

running efficiently and sustainably.



Diego Francesco Danielli, the University of Genoa

I recently graduated with a Master’s degree in Maritime and Port Management, following a Bachelor’s degree in Transport Economics. During my studies, I completed three six-month Erasmus exchanges in Finland, Greece, and Germany, experiences that strengthened my international perspective and adaptability in multicultural contexts.

I am currently working as a Junior Accountant for a cruise company, my first professional role, where I am developing solid operational skills in administrative and accounting processes while deepening my understanding of the maritime sector.

I aspire to build a career within the broader maritime and transport industry, contributing to projects that improve efficiency, foster innovation, and support the sustainable development of global mobility and logistics systems.



Yunfeng Zhao, Liverpool John Moores University

Yunfeng is a second-year PhD candidate in Transport and Logistics at **Liverpool John Moores University**. His research centres on maritime and smart port cybersecurity, with a particular focus on identifying vulnerabilities and enhancing cyber resilience as seaports become increasingly digitalised, automated, and connected through IoT technologies. Using both qualitative and quantitative methods, he aims to build data-driven frameworks that support secure and sustainable port operations. Before beginning his PhD, Yunfeng worked as a software engineer in industry, and this practical experience informs his doctoral research by helping him connect theoretical insights with real-world challenges in the evolving maritime digital environment.

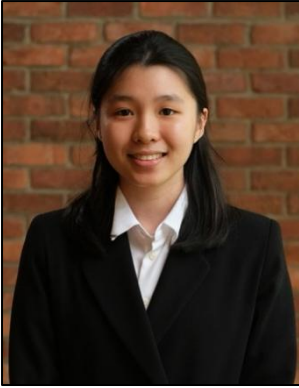


Ifeoluwa Adebayo, Liverpool John Moores University

I am a PhD researcher at **Liverpool John Moores University**, where my work focuses on improving Ro-Ro intermodal freight connectivity between the UK and Atlantic Europe.

My research aims to strengthen integration across maritime and inland networks by enhancing sustainability, standardization, and information flow in freight transport. Alongside my academic work, I serve as a Customer Service Coordinator at Hapag-Lloyd (UK), gaining practical insight into container operations, safety, and digital processes. I am committed to promoting sustainable modal shift, supporting data

interoperability, and fostering collaboration across logistics stakeholders to build a more resilient and efficient global transport system.



Lynn Yi, Nanyang Technological University

I am an undergraduate in Maritime Studies with a specialisation in International Trading at **Nanyang Technological University**. Through my degree, I have gained a strong interest in the maritime sector, especially in how containerisation supports global trade.

As I progressed in my studies, I began to see clearly how trading activities and shipping operations depend on one another. Efficient and reliable trade flows require safe handling, secure processes and consistent standards in container transport. I also learned how digitalisation and sustainability are becoming essential to improving efficiency and reducing risk across supply chains. These experiences shaped my aspiration to build a career that connects both fields. I hope to use my knowledge of trading and maritime operations to support safer, more standardised and more sustainable container movements.

I am honoured to receive the BIC Scholarship, which will help me deepen my understanding and contribute to the future of container transportation.

The BIC wishes to congratulate the 2025 winners and to thank all this year’s candidates for their submissions.

About the BIC: The Bureau International des Containers (BIC) was founded under the auspices of the International Chamber of Commerce in 1933 as a neutral, non-profit, international organization. The BIC seeks to promote safety, security, standardization and sustainability in the container supply chain and today has over 3000 container owning and operating members in 130 countries. Publisher of the BIC Code Register since 1970, the BIC also operates the BoxTech Global Container Database (bic-boxtech.org), providing API-accessible equipment details to help improve efficiency and safety in the supply chain, as well as the joint BIC - SMDG Facility Code API and Global Container Geofence Library, providing harmonized I.D. codes and geofences for terminals and depots globally. The BIC also operates the Global ACEP Database under the guidance of the IMO. The BIC holds official observer status at the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the World Customs Organization (WCO), and the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT).

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