



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

to serve on the ECORD Facility Board of the International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP), from 2019-2021

The European Consortium of Ocean Research Drilling (ECORD) is now accepting applications from active, leading international scientists to serve as **Science Board Members on the ECORD Facility Board**, the key forum for planning IODP **mission-specific platform (MSP) expeditions**, operated by ECORD.

Within IODP, each platform provider uses a Facility Board to make and inform decisions on the effective use of its drilling facility in fulfilling the objectives of the IODP Science Plan.

The primary tasks of the **ECORD Facility Board** are to:

- recommend MSP expedition schedules, based on ready-to-drill, high-priority science proposals, optimal geographic distribution and costs
- assess the Annual ECORD Plan, including operations schedule, data management, publications, core curation, and scientific technical development
- advise on long-term planning of MSP expeditions
- participate in ECORD reviews of completed MSP expeditions
- liaise with all major entities of IODP

The ECORD Facility Board consists of a Science Board (six international scientists: 3 ECORD, 1 US, 1 Japan, 1 associated IODP member country) and the Executive Bureau (ECORD Executive Council Members, the ECORD Management Agency Director and the Chairs of ESO, ESSAC and ECORD-ILP), together with representatives of IODP entities and funding agencies (see <http://www.ecord.org/ecord-fb.html>).

Here we are seeking two new Science Board members, specifically one from Japan and one from an associated IODP member country (Australia, Brazil, China, India, New Zealand, South Korea).

The preferred science fields are those relating to the “**Biosphere Frontiers**” and “**Earth in Motion**” themes of the IODP Science Plan 2013-2023 (see <https://www.iodp.org/about-iodp/iodp-science-plan-2013-2023>).

The ECORD Facility Board meets once a year, usually in early spring. **The new members are expected to serve for three years, starting 1 January 2019.** Travel costs for related activities are fully covered by the relevant IODP national funding organizations.

Application Process: Interested scientists should send the following documents as PDFs to the ESSAC Office: (1) a letter of interest, including your area of expertise, research interests and previous involvement in DSDP/ODP/IODP (if applicable), (2) a CV and (3) a list of publications. To avoid conflicts of interest, applicants should not be proponents on active MSP proposals that are in the review stage or have yet to be recommended for scheduling.

Please e-mail applications to essac@plymouth.ac.uk by 7 May 2018.

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