



Call for Proposals (Deadline: April 1, 2021)

Request for Information (Open Now!)

The International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP) explores Earth's climate history, structure, mantle/crust dynamics, natural hazards, and deep biosphere as described in the [IODP Science Plan](#). IODP facilitates international and interdisciplinary research on transformative and societally relevant topics using the ocean drilling, coring, and down-hole measurement facilities *JOIDES Resolution*, *Chikyu*, and Mission-Specific Platforms (MSP).

This notice describes proposals that will be accepted for the April 1, 2021 deadline, as well as the new request for information (RFI), which is open now. [Submission Information](#)

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JOIDES Resolution: The number of proposals, at all stages of development, currently in the system for the *JOIDES Resolution* provide many high-quality options for scheduling the ship through the end of the current program and into 2024; therefore, we are not requesting **new** pre-proposals or full proposals. We will accept revisions to pre-proposals and full proposals already in the system, new Ancillary Project Letters (APLs), new Land-2-Sea proposals, and submission of proposals that were deactivated in 2020 with an encouragement to revise and re-submit.

Mission-Specific Platforms: MSP expeditions are planned to operate once every other year to recover core from targets that are inaccessible by the other facilities (e.g., shallow water, enclosed seas, ice-covered seas). MSP proposals for any ocean basin are welcomed. Please note the new [MSP proposal guidelines](#).

Chikyu: Completely new *Chikyu* riser proposals, other than Complementary Project Proposals (CPPs), will not be accepted at this time.

Investigators are reminded that the interval from the first proposal submission to expedition scheduling is on the order of 4-5 years due to the science and safety review process and required lead time for scheduling, and that adequate site characterization/site survey data are critical for success. Proponents are strongly encouraged to contact the facility's [science operator](#) to discuss platform-specific operational and fiscal constraints before developing proposals.

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The *JOIDES Resolution* Facility Board (JRFB) is issuing a request for information (RFI) to understand the international scientific community's intent to propose to the [2050 Science Framework](#). Responses to the RFI will be considered by the JRFB in



consultation with the other Facility Boards, funding agencies, and the IODP Forum, and they will inform planning on a potential future drilling program. Submissions to the RFI require completing an online form in the Proposal Database System (PDB) that simply asks about science goals that would be addressed by your future proposal, the region that would be studied, and some additional planning information. Submission are being accepted now and will continue until further notice. You may submit more than one response.