



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

ECORD Research Grants 2021 for Early Career Scientists

DEADLINE: 15 September 2021



The European Consortium for Ocean Research Drilling (ECORD) is sponsoring **merit-based awards** for **outstanding young scientists** to conduct innovative research related to the International Ocean Discovery Program. The research may be directed toward the objectives of completed DSDP/ODP/IODP expeditions. The research should utilise available core material and/or data from DSDP/ODP/IODP expeditions. The ECORD Grants will cover travel and lab expenses or other approved costs related to the study.

Studies should be conducted in a laboratory/institution other than the applicant's home institution, and involve mobility to promote new collaborations and/or the acquisition of new scientific expertise. Grant budgets must not exceed **3000 €**. Applicants should be enrolled in either a PhD programme or hold a post-doctoral research position at an institution within an ECORD country. Eligible post-doctoral scientists will completed their PhD within the last 6 years. (see Q&A for details)



Applications should take the form of a mini-proposal, detailing the aims of the study and relevance to IODP, the availability of material and/or data to be worked on, the project partnership and estimated costs. Applications can be strengthened by including the benefits of the proposed study to current work and why the proposed institution is the most appropriate place to carry out the planned study. *A final report, including details of the final expenditure, must be completed within 12 months of the grant being awarded.*

The deadline to apply for an ECORD Research Grant is 15 September 2021.

Please email the following documents to the ESSAC Office (essac@plymouth.ac.uk): (1) your application, including a **detailed mini-proposal** (max. 5 pages) **with a detailed budget plan**; (2) a **letter of support** from the **host institution**; (3) a **CV** and (4) a **letter of support** from the main supervisor (PhD students) or home institution (post-doctoral researchers).

Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria: (1) Mini-proposal (40%) + Budget plan (10%); (2) CV (30%); and (3) Letters of Support (20%). Please download and use the templates for the CV and Letter of Support from the ECORD website:

<http://www.ecord.org/education/research-grant/>

The applications will be reviewed by ESSAC, and the decisions will be communicated until October 2021.

For further information or questions, please contact the ESSAC Office:

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