

# ECORD Research Grants

## Q&A



### What is our definition of an Early Career Scientist?

We consider early career scientists to be researchers who: (i) are currently registered for a PhD programme; or (ii) hold a current post-doctoral position and have been awarded their PhD within the last 6 years\*. The home laboratory/institution of applicants must be located in an ECORD country.

\* Extensions will be granted for the following:

- Maternity: 18 months extension for each child born before or after the PhD award. If the applicant can document a longer maternity leave, the eligibility period will be extended by the documented amount of actual leave taken until the call deadline.
- Paternity: extension by the documented time of paternity leave taken until the call deadline for each child born before or after the PhD award.
- Long-term illness or national service: extension by the documented amount of leave taken by the applicant until the call deadline for each incident which occurred after the PhD award date.

### What is our definition of mobility?

IODP, as well as ECORD, relies on international cooperation, and so we require applicants to conduct their research in collaboration with a laboratory/institution in a country other than the one where they are currently based. The host laboratory/institute visited by the grant holder can be in any country in the world.

### What are eligible costs?

Eligible costs include travel to and from the host institution, accommodation, and laboratory costs. Per diem day rates for subsistence can not be considered. The budget must be presented in Euros (€) and be fully justified in the application.

### What is available core material and/or data?

We cannot accept proposals that are related to ongoing or upcoming IODP expeditions and associated material or data, i.e. the research must relate to an expedition that has been completed at the time of application. Please provide evidence that the material or data you require are available to you.

### When do I have to conduct the research?

ECORD would like the applicants to start the research in the same year that the grant was awarded. Any deviation from the original timeline should be reported to the ESSAC Office immediately.