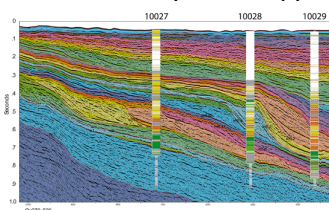


CALL FOR APPLICATIONS for an ECORD Research Grant 2017

DEADLINE: 30 January 2017

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 upcoming or past DSDP/ODP/IODP expeditions, using core material and/or data. 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, involve mobility and 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 or "early-career", post-doctoral research programme at any institution from an ECORD country.



Applications should take the form of a mini-proposal, detailing the aims of the study and relevance to IODP, the material/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 budget and some details of the anticipated results, must be completed within 12 months after the grant has been awarded.*

The deadline to apply for an ECORD Research Grant is **30 January 2017**. Please send to the ESSAC Office essac@geomar.de the following documents: (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 ESSAC website:*

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

The applications will be reviewed by ESSAC, and the decisions will be communicated in spring 2016.

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