



**INTERNATIONAL
OCEAN DRILLING
PROGRAMME**



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
**IODP³ SCIENCE EVALUATION PANEL
MEMBERS**

Deadline: 16 November 2026

Call for applications to serve as a Member of the IODP³ Science Evaluation Panel (Science & Site Subgroups)

Introduction

The International Ocean Drilling Programme (IODP³) addresses fundamental questions about Earth's climate, deep life, geodynamics, and geohazards and is driven by a flow of **scientific ocean drilling and SPARC proposals** provided by the scientific community. Our Panels and Boards are staffed via open, international, competitive selection processes to ensure that IODP³ benefits from inputs from talented scientists while adhering to the highest standards of equality, diversity and social inclusivity.

The **Science Evaluation Panel** (SEP) is central to the success of IODP³ and is responsible for the evaluation and selection of the best and most relevant proposals to forward to the IODP³ MSP Facility Board for development of expedition schedules. SEP members are drawn from the international scientific ocean drilling communities in IODP³ Core and Associate Member nations. At least two-thirds of members come from IODP³ Core Members (with equal participation between ECORD and Japan), and no more than one-third from Associate Members.

To evaluate the scientific and site characterisation aspects of drilling/coring proposals, SEP members are assigned to two subgroups: SEP-Science and SEP-Site.

SEP-Science Subgroup members are responsible for: (i) evaluating scientific ocean drilling Preliminary Proposals and Full Proposals, including identifying Preliminary Proposals to move forward towards Full Proposals, and declining those proposals unlikely to succeed; and (ii) providing feedback to proposal proponents, including advising proponents on potential successful science strategies.

SEP-Site Subgroup members are responsible for: (i) reviewing and verifying the completeness and adequacy of site characterisation data packages for each drill site associated with drilling/coring proposals; and (ii) providing feedback to proponents on drilling strategies and giving guidance on meeting required standards of site characterization data.

All SEP members are involved in the evaluation of legacy asset-based SPARC proposals.

Eligibility and scientific expertise needs for this call

In this call, IODP³ is seeking applications from scientists with established expertise and a strong research track record from **Japan and ECORD nations** with experience in **all relevant research fields**, but we particularly seek experts in the **paleoclimate, tectonics, geochemistry, and petrology for SEP-Science membership, and in marine geophysics, including seismic**

reflection interpretation and sub-bottom profiling, for SEP-Site membership. The call is restricted to Japanese and ECORD scientists in order to ensure a representative balance of scientists from all our member nations within SEP as a whole.

How to Apply

Applications from scientists based in ECORD member nations and Japan must be submitted to the IODP³ Science Office by the deadline of **Monday 16 November 2026** using the **IODP³ Gateway** system, accessed via the [Apply to Participate](#) link on the [IODP³ website](#). Applicants should clearly indicate their SEP subgroup of interest in their Application Statement.

Information on the content required in applications to this call, is available in the IODP³ [Guide for Applicants](#).

Applications received by the deadline will be evaluated by the Programme Member Offices of ECORD and Japan (ESSAC and J-SSO) and nominated candidates will be subsequently considered for approval by the SEP Co-Chairs in early 2027.

Successful candidates are expected to attend two SEP meetings per year (usually held in late March and September, with one meeting in-person and one entirely virtual). Appointments are normally for three years (six SEP meetings).

Candidates from ECORD nations should contact their [national ESSAC delegate](#) in advance of applying to confirm whether financial support is available for travel and subsistence costs associated with attending in-person SEP meetings.

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