

Changes to Ship Operations Proposals

- The Assistant Director for Geosciences at NSF (Dr. Margaret Leinen) has determined that proposals will be subject to the same external merit review as all other proposals.

The external review will include other agencies and will replace asking the National Science board for a waiver every 5 years, starting with CY2005 requests (NOT 2004).

For CY2004, the proposals will be handled as they have in the past.

For multi-ship institutions, proposals and budgets will be required for each ship (although much of the narrative may be common). A cooperative agreement will be for the ship rather than for the institution.

Changes to Ship Ops proposals starting with CY 2005 requests

Proposals will be reviewed externally, on a rotating basis. i.e., not all proposals will be reviewed in one year.

Proposals must be written for each ship. This means that multi-ship operators will no longer turn in just one proposal

New Cooperative agreements will be put into effect for each ship.

What this means to you.....

- A. Since the proposals will be reviewed externally, you have to make sure you meet all review criteria, especially intellectual merit and broader impacts discussions in the text as well as in the summary.
- B. You must make sure that the proposal is readable and is self-contained. I cannot emphasize enough that annotating the tables is very helpful.
- C. You must address all sections in the proposals. This means that updated responses to inspection reports must be included (and dated!). Reviewers will be given copies of the inspection reports as part of the review process.
- D. Make sure you include plans for upgrading ship and scientific equipment.
- E. Remember that the reviewers will not have any familiarity with these proposals.
- F. Poorly reviewed proposals can be declined.