



# UNOLS Cruise Opportunity Program

- **Goal:** provide graduate students currently completing a degree in a field of oceanographic research with the opportunity to participate in a research cruise.
- **Requirements:** must currently be studying at a U.S.-based institution; be familiar with the science to be conducted at sea; responsible for travel.
- **Outcome:** graduate student forms new collaborations and potentially develops new research directions.

## Process

Identify cruises that might be a good fit for the Cruise Opportunity Program



Contact PIs to see if they are interested.



Post description of the science plan of each cruise; length of cruise and month and year of the cruise



Send notice to early career list that cruises are available



Review applications and forward appropriate ones to PI for consideration



Student submits a post-cruise report to be posted on UNOLS Website



# Cruise Opportunity Webpage and Application

The screenshot shows the homepage of the UNOLS Cruise Opportunity Program. The header includes the UNOLS logo and navigation links: ABOUT, SHIPS/FACILITIES, SCHEDULES, COMMITTEES, MEETINGS, FORMS & DOCUMENTS, and OUTREACH & JOBS. Below the header is a blue banner with the text 'UNOLS CRUISE OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM'. A breadcrumb trail reads 'HOME / UNOLS CRUISE OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM'. The main content area features a large image of a ship at sea with the caption 'photo by Uriel Zajackovsky, UCSD'. To the right of the image is a 'FEATURED INFORMATION' section with the text: 'The UNOLS Cruise Opportunity Program matches volunteer graduate students with research cruises aboard UNOLS vessels.' Below this is a 'Welcome to the UNOLS Cruise Opportunity Program Webpage!' section. It states: 'The primary goal of the UNOLS Cruise Opportunity Program is to provide graduate students currently completing a degree in a field of oceanographic research with the opportunity to participate in a research cruise. The participant will be a member of the scientific party and be involved in data collection and all other activities at sea. It is envisioned that the graduate student will be familiar with the science to be conducted at sea, and thus, form new collaborations and potentially develop new research directions. To be eligible to participate in this program, the graduate student must currently be studying at a U.S.-based institution and have either a U.S. Passport or a U.S. Work Visa.' It then says: 'To apply, please review the opportunities listed below and if you would like to apply for one, fill out an application form by the deadline listed.' and 'We are sorry, but there are currently no cruise opportunities at this time, please check back soon!'.

<https://www.unols.org/unols-cruise-opportunity-program>

The screenshot shows the application form page. The header is identical to the homepage. The main heading is 'UNOLS CRUISE OPPORTUNITY APPLICATION'. A breadcrumb trail reads 'HOME / UNOLS CRUISE OPPORTUNITY APPLICATION'. The text explains the program's goal: 'The primary goal of the UNOLS Cruise Opportunity Program is to provide graduate students currently completing a degree in a field of oceanographic research with the opportunity to participate in a research cruise. The participant will be a member of the scientific party and be involved in data collection and all other activities at sea. It is envisioned that the graduate student will be familiar with the science to be conducted at sea, and thus, form new collaborations and potentially develop new research directions. To be eligible to participate in this program, the graduate student must currently be studying at a U.S.-based institution and have either a U.S. Passport or a U.S. Work Visa.' It then provides instructions: 'To apply for the UNOLS Cruise Opportunity Program, please follow the instructions below. It is important that you refer to the UNOLS Cruise Opportunity Page before applying to determine which (if any) of the cruises are aligned with your field of study. At this time we cannot cover the cost of traveling to and from the ship, but there will be no other costs associated with participating on the cruise.' The instructions are: 'Complete and submit the following application form.', 'Submit a .pdf of your Curriculum Vitae with this application form. An applicant's C.V. should include educational history (degrees and dates awarded), employment experience (including any internships), and any authored or co-authored journal articles, abstracts, or other publications related to the research objectives of the cruise.', and 'Submit a .pdf copy of a Faculty Advisor Recommendation. Applicants must include a letter from their primary advisor. The letter should document the student's scientific experience and detail how participation on the cruise would fit into their graduate degree program.' Below the instructions is a form with the following fields: 'Applicant Name \*', 'Current Position \*', 'Institution \*' (with a note 'e.g. (graduate student)'), 'Department \*', 'Address Line 1 \*', 'Address Line 2 \*', and 'City \*'. Each field has a corresponding empty input box.

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