



“New” UNOLS Cruise Opportunity Program

- High demand for Volunteer bunks on cruises, but lack of candidate screening made Chief Scientists and Principal Investigators wary of bringing these students on board
- The UNOLS Office will now screen graduate student candidates after they fill out a comprehensive application which requires references and a letter from their advisor.

Process

UNOLS identifies PIs with cruises from current year that might be a good fit for the Cruise Opportunity Program

UNOLS Emails these PIs to request their participation.

UNOLS Posts Cruise Descriptions to the Cruise Opportunity Webpage and notifies network of early career scientists

Interested Oceanography Graduate Students submit online application through UNOLS Website

UNOLS Office review candidate applications and forward appropriate candidates to the cruise's PI.

After cruise, students submits a summary report to be posted on UNOLS Website



Cruise Opportunity Webpage and Application

The screenshot shows the homepage of the UNOLS Cruise Opportunity Program. At the top is the UNOLS logo and a navigation menu with links for Home, Contact, and Search. Below the logo is a sub-menu with links for ABOUT, SHIPS/FACILITIES, SCHEDULES, COMMITTEES, MEETINGS, FORMS & DOCUMENTS, and OUTREACH & JOBS. The main heading is 'UNOLS CRUISE OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM'. Below this is a breadcrumb trail: HOME / UNOLS CRUISE OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM. A large image of a ship at sea is featured, 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 the image and text is a white box with the heading 'Welcome to the UNOLS Cruise Opportunity Program Webpage!' and the following text: '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. 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. 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. At the top is the UNOLS logo and a navigation menu with links for Home, Contact, and Search. Below the logo is a sub-menu with links for ABOUT, SHIPS/FACILITIES, SCHEDULES, COMMITTEES, MEETINGS, FORMS & DOCUMENTS, and OUTREACH & JOBS. The main heading is 'UNOLS CRUISE OPPORTUNITY APPLICATION'. Below this is a breadcrumb trail: HOME / UNOLS CRUISE OPPORTUNITY APPLICATION. The main content area contains the following text: '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. 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.' Below this text are three bullet points: '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 text are several input fields: 'Applicant Name *', 'Current Position *', 'Institution * (e.g. (graduate student))', 'Department *', 'Address Line 1 *', 'Address Line 2 *', and 'City *'. Each field is followed by a text input box.

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December 2015 Status

- # of 2015 Cruise Opportunities Posted: **4**
- # of Applicants: **1**
- # of people who signed up to receive Cruise Opportunity notifications via email: **193**

- **Potential Issues:**

- No travel funding provided
- Marketing

In 2015 UNOLS will focus more heavily on advertising the program online and in person at meetings/conferences.

A call for 2016 Cruise Opportunities will go out shortly!