



University-National Oceanographic Laboratory System ~UNOLS~

Council Meeting- May 3-4, 2016 Designation as a UNOLS Vessel





REQUIREMENTS FOR BECOMING A UNOLS VESSEL

Institution requesting designation of their vessel as a UNOLS vessel must be a qualified UNOLS member institution. If not a member, they must submit an application for membership in accordance with the guidelines established in the UNOLS Charter.

The requirements for designating a vessel as a UNOLS vessel include:

- a. Institution must operate the vessel for oceanographic research & education purposes.
- b. There must be evidence of 3 or more years of continuous operation of shared use research/education facilities.
- c. The operating institution must be able to provide a projection of the vessel's use for the next year, including user charges.
- d. The vessel must successfully complete an appropriate safety inspection, (NSF or INSURV)
- e. Vessel must be capable of operation under the UNOLS Research Vessel Safety Standards.



- f. Vessel must be regularly available to all federally funded users.
- g. Vessel must be maintained to accommodate the needs of the academic oceanographic programs.
- h. Operating institution must be willing to participate fully in the UNOLS scheduling process.
- i. Operating institution must be willing to submit cruise reports and cruise assessments according to UNOLS uniform practices.
- j. Operating institution must adhere to cost accounting and performance standards according to UNOLS uniform procedures.



- k. Operator institution must be capable of obtaining the necessary funds to support operation of their vessels. UNOLS membership does not guarantee federal funding.

- l. Operator institution must submit a written application to the UNOLS Office addressing all of the requirements listed above and include a statement addressing how the addition of this vessel to the UNOLS Academic Research Vessel Fleet will improve the mix of facilities available for oceanographic programs or address an identified need for specific capabilities.

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Action Item: Need Council Approval

Note: Ship Inspection conducted April 26-28, 2016