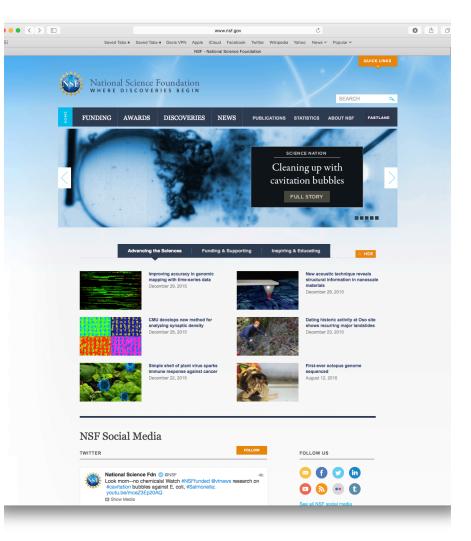
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Hawaii June 2019



## Outline

- Proposal submission: where to start?
  - How to plan ship time
- Merit review
  - How is ship time reviewed?



### Proposal Submission Process Gathering information

- Grant proposal guide (GPG)
- NSF program websites
- Special competitions
- Your colleagues, mentors, and Institution Office of Sponsored Research



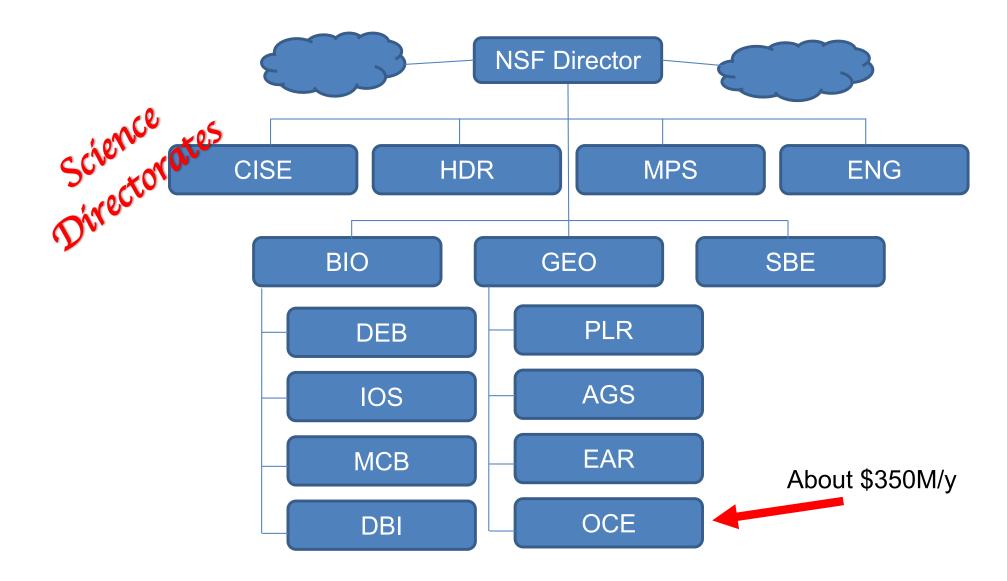
THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION PROPOSAL AND AWARD POLICIES AND PROCEDURES GUIDE

Part I - Grant Proposal Guide



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# NSF Organization (Abridged)



### Research Scope

Directing proposals to the right NSF Program

**Directorate for Geosciences** 



Biological Oceanography (BO) Physical Oceanography (PO) Chemical Oceanography (CO) Marine Geology & Geophysics (MGG)



Earth Sciences (EAR)





Facilities, Collections, etc.

Ecology

**Systematics** 

**Evolution** 

**Behavior** 

Development

Physiology

Molecular & Cellular Biol.

Genetic Mechanisms, etc.

**Directorate for Biological Sciences** 





Molecular and Cellular Biosciences (MCB)



Biological Infrastructure (DBI)



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**Division of Ocean Sciences** 

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### **PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

Apply to PD 98-1650 as follows:

For full proposals submitted via FastLane: standard *Grant Proposal Guide* proposal preparation guidelines apply.

For full proposals submitted via Grants.gov: the NSF Grants.gov Application Guide; A Guide for the Preparation and Submission of NSF Applications via Grants.gov Guidelines applies. (Note: The NSF Grants.gov Application Guide is available on the Grants.gov website and on the NSF website at: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\_summ.jsp?ods\_key=grantsgovguide)

### Important Information for Proposers

A revised version of the NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG) (NSF 16-1), is effective for proposals submitted, or due, on or after January 25, 2016. Please be advised that, depending on the specified due date, the guidelines contained in NSF 16-1 may apply to proposals submitted in response to this funding opportunity.

### DUE DATES

Full Proposal Target Date: February 16, 2016

February 15, Annually Thereafter

Full Proposal Target Date: August 15, 2016

https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\_summ.jsp?pims\_id=11696

August 15, Annually Thereafter

### SYNOPSIS



The Biological Oceanography Program supports research in marine ecology broadly defined: relationships among aquatic organisms and their interactions with the environments of the oceans or Great Lakes. Projects submitted to the program for consideration are often interdisciplinary efforts that may include participation by other OCE Programs. (See information provided under Related URLs below).

### RELATED URLS

Program Officer for Biological Oceanography

Additional Program Information (Research Interests, Multi-disciplinary Programs, Community Planning, Supplements, Submisson Tips)

THIS PROGRAM IS PART OF



What Has Been Funded (Recent Awards Made Through This Program, with Abstracts)

Map of Recent Awards Made Through This Program

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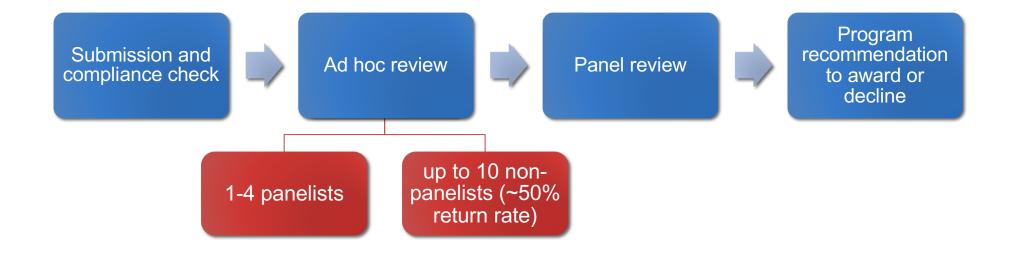
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# How to plan a project with ship time

- Match plan to science question.
- Plan location, cruise track, station time to estimate duration, transit days and science days.
- Consider adding weather contingency.
- Marine tech time, science party, berths to estimate size of ship needed
- Are foreign clearances needed?
- Equipment needed, anything specialized? talk to ship operator.
- Complete Ship Time Request (STR) form.

## **Proposal Merit Review Process**



## Merit Review Criteria

- 1. Intellectual Merit:
  - High quality research with potential to advance, if not transform, the frontiers of knowledge
- 2. Broader Impacts:
  - Contribute more broadly to achieving societal goals
  - May be accomplished through the research itself
  - May be based on previously established and/or innovative methods and approaches
- 3. Any Solicitation Specific Criteria (consult the Program Solicitation)

## How is ship time in a proposal evaluated?

- 1. Does the ship request match the science proposed?
- 2. Is the number of cruises and duration appropriate to the science?
- 3. Is the scale of the ship request (\$\$, # days) well matched to the science?

# When things go sideways (or worse)

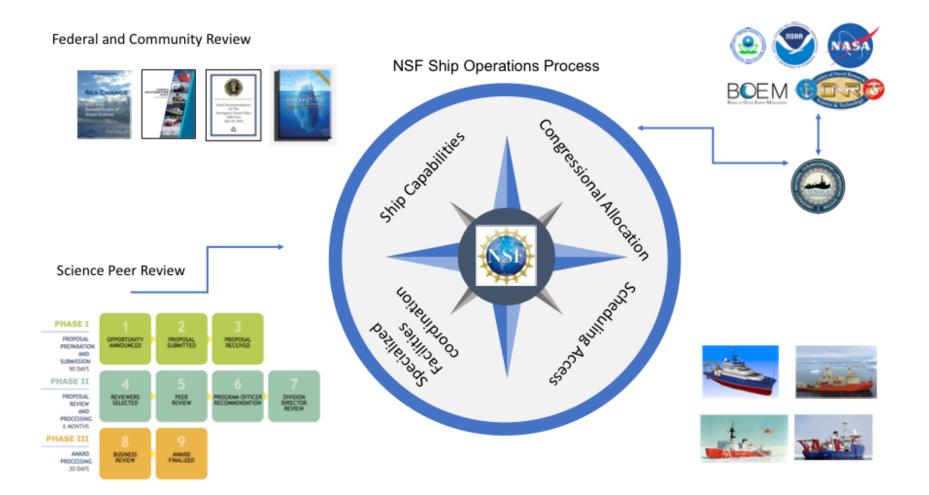
- Science at sea is risky
- Be prepared: set priorities, prepare plans B+C
- You must keep an open mind, be flexible to deal with the unknowns
- When a challenge or crisis presents itself, think about who do you need to communicate with?
  - Your science party
  - Ship captain and crew
  - Shore support? NSF?
- Make decisions, in consultation with Captain
- Document what is happening, make notes

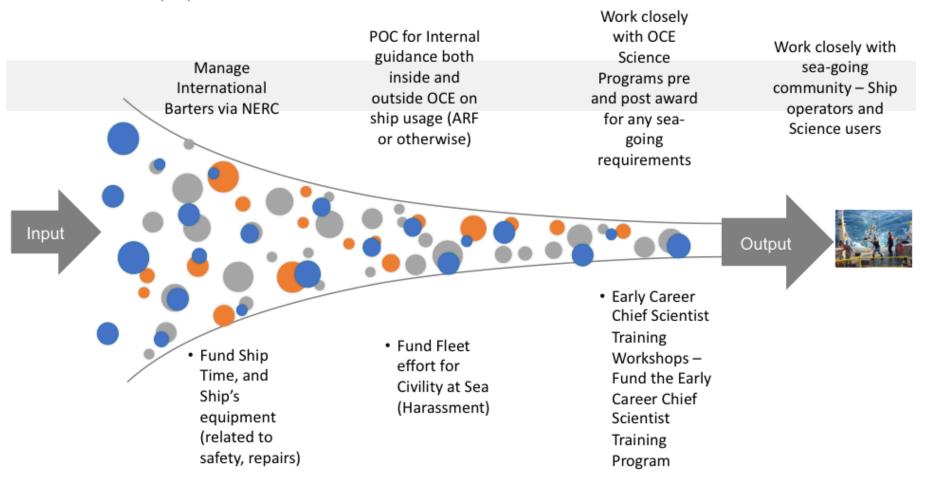
# Post Cruise Interactions with NSF

- Post Cruise Report is critical.
  - What worked, what didn't work.
  - This is read by ship operators, NSF
- If there was any special media coverage, or significant discovery associated with the cruise, contact your NSF Program Director.
- If there was a major, unexpected complication that causes your project workplan to change, contact your Program Director
  - NSF expects PIs to share the risk of science at sea
  - In rare cases a Budget Supplement to the award might be possible

# Challenges, what would you do?

- Your cruise is scheduled to embark and essential equipment or supplies have not arrived.
- You or a co-PI is expecting a child in the middle of a project that includes field work.
- The captain has informed you that you cannot execute an essential part of the cruise due to weather.
- Your cruise is about to cross the equator and the crew is preparing for the rites of passage.
- Certain operations on the ship become difficult due to equipment problems and lack of communications with the crew or marine technicians.
- A crew member or scientist is harassing another cruise participant.





IPS Ship Operations Team

