Access to ship time: A Roadmap
UNOLS Early Career Series
The Roadmap

Pre-Award
- Proposal Planning
- Submit Proposal & Ship Time Request

Post-Award
- UNOLS Scheduling Process
- Long Lead-time items (MSR & envi.permits)
- Cruise Planning

Expedition
- Carry-out cruise plan (or something like it!)

Post-Expedition
- Post-Cruise Assessment Report (PCAR)
- Other User De-brief (if applicable)
- Final Cruise Report & Data Compliance
Pre-Award

-4 months prior to proposal submission

-12-24 months prior to first proposed cruise

Identify essential Equipment and Facilities

Submit Proposal AND Ship-time and Marine Equipment (SME) Form

Proposal Planning
Requesting Ship Time:
Marine Facilities Planning Application

www.mfp.us
Welcome to Marine Facilities Planning

This website allows scientists to request ship time on the vessels of the U.S. Academic Research Fleet.
Welcome to UNOLS

University-National Oceanographic Laboratory System (UNOLS) is an organization of 59 academic institutions and National Laboratories involved in oceanographic research and joined for the purpose of coordinating oceanographic ships' schedules and research facilities.

More instructions on MFP
www.unols.org
Pre-Award

-4mths prior to proposal submission

-12-24 mths prior to first proposed cruise

Pre-Award:

1. Proposal Planning
2. Identify essential Equipment and Facilities
3. Submit Proposal And SME Form
4. Peer & Program Review:
   - NSF
   - Navy (ONR)
   - USGS
   - NOAA
   - Other
5. Award Notification
   - UPDATE Funding Status SME
   - Contact Facilities Operators

-5-6mths after proposal submission
Ship Scheduling

- OBS Schedules
- Ship Capabilities
- Personnel schedules
- RAPID Response to global events
- Export control laws (ITAR, EAR, OFAC)
- Ship maintenance
- Multi-ship requirements
- Port concerns
- Funding decisions
- Foreign Clearances
- Facility Availability
- Weather considerations
- USCG Restricted regions
- Ship breakdowns
- Date Restrictions
- Clean vessel
- Political unrest
- Congestion Concerns
- Ship Capabilities
Post-Award

8-12mths prior to cruise calendar year

Min. 7 mths prior

~6mths prior

~5mths prior

~3mths prior

~1mth prior

UNOLS Scheduling Process

Foreign Clearance & Envi Permit Requests

Cruise Planning Activities/instrument testing

Final Info to Operator

Packing and Final Prep

Pre-cruise meeting / Shared Use Equipment Requests

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Expedition & Post Expedition

Expedition

Post-Cruise Assessment Report

NDSF user debrief or AICC debrief (where applicable)

Final Cruise Report Due & Data Management Compliance

1mth after cruise

~2mths after cruise

~2 yrs after cruise
Data due per agency guidelines
Any questions?

We are available for questions:

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