



University-National Oceanographic
Laboratory System
~UNOLS~

*UNOLS Office Recompete
Science Mission Requirements*





UNOLS Office Recompetition

~Role of the UNOLS Office~

Excerpt from the UNOLS Charter

h.) UNOLS Office and Executive Secretary: A UNOLS Office shall be established for the purposes of providing staff support and secretariat services to UNOLS, the UNOLS Chair, Council, and Committees as directed.

- The Office shall serve as a focal point for UNOLS correspondence and for central files on facilities, schedules, user requirements and related information. The Office shall advertise, arrange, support and report on UNOLS, Council and Committee meetings. It shall arrange and manage contracts for blanket services to the UNOLS fleet and UNOLS institutions under guidance from the Chair and Council, and at the behest of sponsoring agencies.



UNOLS Office Recompetition ~UNOLS Host Institution~

- It is expected that the UNOLS Office will rotate among UNOLS institutions.
- The Office should not remain at a single institution for more than ten years, except under extraordinary circumstances.
- The UNOLS Office shall normally be established at a UNOLS operator institution.



UNOLS Office Recompetition

Timeline

	2017	
✓	September	Announce Competition for hosting the UNOLS Office and solicit Letters of Intent
✓	November 28	Letters of Intent due to UNOLS Chair or UNOLS Office
	December 8	UNOLS Chair invites proposal from interested member institutions
	December	UNOLS Chair announces makeup of UNOLS Evaluating Committee (from non-conflicting members of UNOLS)



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Timeline

2018	
March 16	Proposals* due (to UNOLS Chair or UNOLS Office)
April 1 – July 1	Evaluation of Proposals; may include site visits, interviews with candidate Ex. Secretaries, etc.
July 15	Evaluation Committee Recommendations to UNOLS Council
July	UNOLS Council reviews Evaluation Committee recommendations and forwards recommendation with their consent
Late July	Notify the Agencies of Evaluation Committee recommendation
August 1	Evaluation Committee recommendations with Council Endorsement circulated to UNOLS membership for Concurrence
August 15	Notify Institution selected as the UNOLS recommendation
October 15	Recommended Host Institution submits proposal to NSF and other Funding Agencies*



UNOLS Office Recompetition

Timeline

2019	
May 1	UNOLS Office established at new host institution
*	Proposal should be in NSF format. The one getting UNOLS recommendation could be submitted to NSF, with very little modification other than the UNOLS endorsement.



Science Mission Requirements for Global Vessels-



UNOLS Fleet Improvement Committee and the Global Class Science Mission Requirements

The Fleet Improvement Committee (FIC) is tasked with documenting the capacity and performance of the academic research fleet under conditions of current user-demand and forecasting future needs in light of expected scientific priorities over the next couple decades.

A survey is being developed which will seek your personal opinions and suggestions for the Science Mission Requirements of global-class research vessels over the next 10-20 years.



Scientific priorities over the next two decades will determine the requirements-for and design-of future global-class research vessels.

The lead time for evaluating requirements and completing design and construction of a new vessel class is a decade or more.

The FIC contributes to this process by drafting and continuously updating a Scientific Mission Requirements document (SMR) for global-class ships as a planning resource for UNOLS, the funding agencies and the scientific community at large.



Global Class Science Mission Requirements (SMRs)



R/V Thomas G. Thompson



R/V Atlantis



R/V Roger Revelle

- Dec 2017 – Feb 2018:
 - Survey past Global ship users, captains, engineers
 - Establish/define Science drivers
 - Evaluation of existing fleet & facility capabilities
- February 2018:
 - Open revised survey to community via UNOLS web site, and other postings
 - Community feedback and discussions via Town Hall Meetings

2018 Ocean Sciences Meeting – Town Hall
Hosted by the UNOLS Fleet Improvement Committee
“Planning for the next US Global Class Research Vessel”
Monday, February 12th at 12:45 pm
Please join us!

- July 2018: “Living” SMR document
- Global SMR Committee: Greg Cutter, Byron Blomquist, Clare Reimers, & Jim Swift