Ocean Traineeships-Call host Inst._2026

We are pleased to announce that the IOC OceanTraineeship programme for 2026 is now open for applications from interested host institutions and mentors. The Ocean Traineeship aim to provide opportunities for hands-on learning and upskilling through a temporary assignment at host institutions with expertise on subject areas relevant to the IOC mandate.

Host institutions and mentors must:
- have the capacity to host and supervise an ocean professional for up to 3 months, between September and December 2026;
-- have a collaborative relationship working with programmes linked under any IOC of UNESCO global programmes or IOC Regional Sub-Commission Bodies;
- be willing to co-design and implement a training plan with specific deliverables contributing to implementation of work plans adopted by IOC Regional Sub-Commissions and programmes

(more info available on https://oceanexpert.org/event/4988#documents)

In general, interested host institutions are requested to prepare and submit the following:
- an expression of interest detailing the existing relationship of the institution to IOC programmes and how the internship activities can contribute to the implementation of work plans adopted by IOC Regional Sub-Commissions (text file of maximum 500 words);
- a summary of existing support mechanisms for interns that are currently available in the host institution;
- a profile of the mentor/staff that will be responsible in coordinating with the CD Secretariat;
- a draft training plan for the interns including the tasks and deliverables expected.

While applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, the deadline to complete all requirements for the application is 30 April 2026 (11.45 PM CEST). Do not leave for the last minute since the system will close automatically.

Section 1 - Information about the Host Institution

Name of the Institution *

Maximum of **100** characters. *Currently Used:* **0** *characters.*

Address of Institution (physical and postal address) *

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

State / Province / Region

Postal / Zip Code

Country

Name of the Head of Institution OR Office/Department in charge *

First

Last

Email address of Head of Institution OR Office/Department in charge *

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (maximum 500 words) *

Maximum of **500** words. *Currently Used:* **0** *words.*

Does your institution or office has its own internship programme? *

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

If yes, provide a brief description of the program, activities, and institutional support available.

If available, upload existing guidelines or any other documentation for your internship programme

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Which are the advantages and benefits the intern will gain from choosing your institution as a host? *

What are the weaknesses and risks present at your institution that might impact the internship? *

Section 3 – Information about the Mentor

Name *

First Last

Gender *

Male

Nationality *

Afghanistan

Country of Residence *

Afghanistan

Year of Birth *

Email (main) *

Phone Number; please make sure to dully indicate country name and any local codes *

Please indicate the link to your profile on the OceanExpert Directory *

Please indicate your highest Academic qualification/degrees. *

- [ ] Bachelor
- [ ] Master
- [ ] Phd
- [ ] Other(s)

Academic Qualifications and Background *

Maximum of **150** words. *Currently Used:* **0** *words.*

Job Title (current position) *

Job description/functions *

Maximum of **100** words. *Currently Used:* **0** *words.*

Total number of years of professional experience *

Do you have experience supervising interns? *

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

List the fields of study related to your experience in supervising internships and/or staff *

Maximum of **150** words. *Currently Used:* **0** *words.*

Do you have the necessary authorization to host and supervise an intern? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

Do you work in any programmes related to IOC of UNESCO? *

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Please indicate what IOC programme you are related to *

What are the priority areas or field of study that you envision for IOC interns in your institution? List 1-3 potential topics. *

Maximum of **500** characters. *Currently Used:* **0** *characters.*

Describe the activities envisioned for the internship period? make sure you consult the regional needs(https://oceanexpert.org/event/4988#documents) *

Maximum of **150** words. *Currently Used:* **0** *words.*

Upload a draft internship workplan for 3 months, detailing the activities, outcomes expected from particants, and benefits in return. *

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Part 4 – FINANCIAL RESOURCES

What is the average monthly living costs (accommodation, food, etc) at your location (USD$)? *

Please indicate whether your institution can provide additional support to the interns: *

- ◯ Travel costs (airfare/other local costs)
- ◯ Accommodation support and incidentals
- ◯ Local costs for activities, events, etc.
- ◯ None of the above

Describe any additional support from your institution for interns:

Maximum of **30** words. *Currently Used:* **0** *words.*

Part 5 – LANGUAGE SKILLS

Which languages of instruction is/are required for interns? *

- ☐ English
- ☐

- [ ] Russia
- [ ] French
- [ ] Others

If others, please write specific details on the space below: *

Maximum of **30** characters. *Currently Used:* **0** *characters.*

Part 6 – ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OR RESTRICTIONS

Is there any accessibility requirements or restrictions in your facility? *

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Please, detail

Maximum of **30** words. *Currently Used:* **0** *words.*

Part 8 – DECLARATION BY THE HOST INSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVE, I confirm that I

Check All That Apply *

- [ ] certify that the information provided in this application form is accurate and complete. In case it is requested I will provide proof.
- [ ] will assist with a letter of invitation to facilitate an entry visa (if required)
- [ ] will assist with obtaining suitable accommodation for the duration of the training.
- [ ] will support and coordinate the administrative arrangements within the host institution to enable access to the facilities
- [ ] will supervise the trainee according to the activity plan
- [ ] declare the institute will cover possible extra travel cost related to the assigment (workplan)
- [ ] will be available for possible online intake interviews with the secretariat and the trainee

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