

Call for Applications: IODP Forum Chair, 1 October 2018 - 30 September 2020

Deadline: 1 March 2018

IODP is now accepting applications from qualified candidates to serve a two-year term as the third IODP Forum Chair, beginning October 1, 2018. The IODP Forum was established in 2013 as the custodian of the IODP Science Plan (*Illuminating Earth's Past, Present, and Future*) and the primary international venue for exchanging ideas and views on the scientific progress of the program.

As stated in the Terms of Reference (www.iodp.org/forum-terms-of-reference-may-2014/file), the Chair of the IODP Forum should be selected for his/her scientific and managerial leadership and will be a well-recognized scientist who will be the face of IODP. The Chair is expected to promote the scientific accomplishments of IODP at select scientific meetings, to attend the meetings of the Facility Boards and the Science Evaluation Panel, and to organize the annual Forum meeting. As the role will require some dedicated time, the Chair should be provided appropriate support from his/her institution or Program Member Office. The new Chair will be selected by a designated committee, to be drawn from Program Member Office nominations.

Given that Forum participation is open to all countries, consortia, or entities providing funds for IODP platform operations, it is understood that the Chair of the IODP Forum should have his or her primary scientific affiliation in one of the IODP member/partner nations. Since the first two Chairs have had institutional affiliations within the United States, qualified applicants from other IODP member countries are particularly encouraged.

Each application package should include the following:

- A statement describing the candidate's interest in leading the Forum and vision for ensuring that the Forum fulfills its mandate.
- An up-to-date CV that clearly indicates any participation in scientific ocean drilling expeditions, significant research carried out with data or samples obtained via scientific ocean drilling, and any participation in program development, advisory structure, expedition leadership, or scientific ocean drilling program management.
- Three (3) letters of recommendation from individuals who endorse the applicant's personal, scientific and managerial qualifications to lead the Forum in its mandate and be the face of the IODP. It is strongly encouraged that at least one letter be from someone who has been involved with the science advisory or program management structure of scientific ocean drilling.

- A letter from an appropriate financial entity that endorses the candidate and commits to provide the funds for necessary salary and logistical support. It would be most natural for this support to be provided by the financial entity that supports IODP participation in the candidate's country of affiliation (i.e., the Program Member Office). However, other arrangements for financial support can be submitted if appropriate.

Completed nomination packages should be submitted directly to the current Forum Chair (jamie@ig.utexas.edu) by 1 March, 2018. Writers of the recommendation and financial endorsement letters may submit directly to the current Chair. He will assemble the nomination packages in confidence and forward them to the selection panel, but will not serve on the panel or otherwise be involved with the selection. The selection is expected to be made by 1 May 2018, so that the incoming Chair can attend the next Forum meeting (September 19-21, 2018 in Goa, India) as a transition to beginning his or her two-year term starting 1 October 2018. Please feel free to contact the current Chair with any questions about the nomination process or the workload and travel commitments associated with the Chair position.