



## ~ Call for Applications ~ OOI Facility Board

[Application Deadline: May 22, 2026]

The U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) [Ocean Observatories Initiative Facility Board \(OOIFB\)](#) is tasked with representing the science community and users of the NSF Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI) Facility. The OOIFB works to expand scientific and public awareness of OOI, and ensure that the oceanographic community is kept informed of developments of NSF OOI.

The OOIFB is soliciting applications to fill **TWO membership positions** that will open as of **June 1, 2026, and run through May 31, 2029**. The selected individuals will then be eligible to serve additional, 3-year terms, if preferable.

Scientists, spanning water column to seafloor expertise, as well as experimentalists, engineers, and modelers, with experience using scientific observing systems, such as the NSF OOI, are encouraged to apply. Familiarity/expertise with Station Papa, the Irminger Sea Array, and/or the Regional Cabled Array are preferred, although not required. All interested applicants will be considered.

The OOIFB holds at least one in-person meeting per year and one web conference each month. The responsibilities of the OOIFB may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Serving as the prime scientific and technical conduit between the oceanographic community and NSF regarding OOI.
- Examining the accomplishments and work flow of the NSF OOI Operator, in order to provide feedback regarding the NSF OOI Annual Work Plans (AWPs)
- Via workshops, community meetings, and/or other mechanisms, stimulate and engage the user community in order to keep the accomplishments of the NSF OOI at the cutting edge of scientific inquiry and technological innovation.
- Developing and implementing strategies to expand scientific and public awareness of the unique scientific and technological opportunities of the NSF OOI.
- Helping to identify collaborative relationships with potential governmental, industrial, educational, and international partners in the NSF OOI, where appropriate.
- Ensure fair and consistent access to the NSF OOI by all sectors of the user community.

Applications should be submitted to Holly Morin, at the OOIFB Administrative Support Office ([holly@ooifb.org](mailto:holly@ooifb.org)), and must include a letter of interest and a CV. The statement of interest should highlight the applicant's experience using observatory data, as well their vision for how these experiences might evolve in the future.

Please note, applications cannot be accepted from individuals affiliated with the NSF OOI Program Facility institutions (Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Oregon State University, and the University of Washington), individuals under contract with the NSF OOI Program, and individuals from institutions already represented on the OOIFB (the current list of OOIFB members is available [HERE](#)).

**Applications are due by May 22, 2026.** Applications will be reviewed by the OOIFB, who will give due consideration to the qualifications of applicants, as well as the maintenance of career level, discipline, and regional balance on the OOIFB. For more information about OOIFB and its activities, please visit the website, <http://ooifb.org>, or contact Dax Soule, OOIFB Chair ([Dax.Soule@qc.cuny.edu](mailto:Dax.Soule@qc.cuny.edu)).