

# Science Lead Interest Form

## 1. Email \*

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### Background Information

NOAA Ocean Exploration typically supports 3-4 ROV expeditions per year on NOAA Ship *Okeanos Explorer* and brings on two members of the scientific community per expedition to serve as the onboard Science Leads (typically one geology lead and one biology lead). Science Leads are chosen for a combination of their science background, communication skills and interest in/appreciation of public outreach, and past history of collaborative community engagement. Science Leads are responsible for providing critical scientific guidance on the characterization of biological and geological discoveries that result from NOAA Ship *Okeanos Explorer* expeditions. During ROV dives, Science Leads liaise with the shoreside community to narrate the live feed and determine which samples should be collected. Once samples are brought to the onboard lab, they direct sample processing to include determining preservatives, photographing, labeling, and packaging samples.

Science Leads are also responsible for generating content and reviewing materials for the expedition product suite (e.g. ROV dive plans, ROV dive summaries, information for image and video captions, expedition report, content for the expedition website, etc.). Science Leads participate in cruise planning conference calls, at sea science activities and meetings, and post-cruise assessments. They participate in media activities and serve as the science representatives during ship-to-shore events for VIP, education, outreach, or other partners.

Science Leads are expected to demonstrate creativity and initiative in solving operational problems, as well as directing interdisciplinary teams of scientists and technicians located both on board the ship and on shore. A high degree of professionalism is expected, and participation in telepresence-based outreach and education activities is required. Individuals must be able to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing, and possess strong interpersonal skills to enable working as part of science, operations, education, and outreach teams.

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2. First Name

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3. Last Name

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4. Email Address

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5. Affiliation (university, government agency, institute, etc.)

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6. Degree(s)

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7. Are you a currently enrolled student, an early-career scientist (within 10 years of your terminal degree), or over 10 years from your terminal degree?

*Mark only one oval.*

- Student
- Early-career scientist
- Over 10 years from your terminal degree

8. Why are you interested in this opportunity?

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9. Do you have any professional development goals that you would like to achieve through this opportunity?

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10. What are your research areas of expertise, and how would you be able to contribute to NOAA Ocean Exploration expeditions?

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11. Describe relevant field work or experience

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12. Describe how you would contribute to NOAA Ocean Exploration's goal of prioritizing diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility as a fundamental component of our operations.

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13. A significant portion of NOAA Ocean Exploration's operations focus on building a connection to the deep sea for the public, training the next generation of scientists, and engaging with educators. How could you contribute to outreach and education objectives on a NOAA Ocean Exploration expedition?

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14. Is there anything else about yourself or your career you would like to tell us? (e.g. how you are connected to the region we will be working; a personal strength that isn't otherwise covered in your resume; a link to a video of you at a public speaking engagement or an interview you did with a reporter; examples of how you collaborate and engage with others; fluency in other languages, etc.)

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15. Sailing with NOAA Ocean Exploration will require you to obtain [medical clearance to sail on NOAA ships](#). Do you meet the base requirements to be medically cleared?

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes
- No
- Uncertain, need additional information or have questions

16. Are there any upcoming conferences or meetings you will be attending? NOAA Ocean Exploration typically has representatives at AGU and Ocean Sciences.

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- 17. Please provide 2 references (name and contact information) that can speak to your ability to work in a fast-paced, stressful environment, and your ability to work within diverse teams.

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- 18. Please upload an recent copy of your CV/resume

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**Important Note**

Please save the link to this form as it allows you to go back and edit/update your responses!

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