

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program**

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on September 19, 2023 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

*Agency:* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NOAA, Commerce.

*Title:* Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program.

*OMB Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission extension of a current information collection and revision.

*Control Number:* 0648-0432.

*Form Number of Respondents:* 190 (pre-application), 50 (full application).

*Average Hours per Response:* Pre-application: 3 hours; Application: 5 hours; Letters of recommendation: 45 minutes; Biographical sketch and photograph of awardees: 1 hour; Annual progress reports: 4 hours; Two-year follow up survey: 10 minutes.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 570 burden hours for pre-application; 250 hours full application.

*Needs and Uses:* This is a request for extension of an existing information collection and a revision to include a pre-application component. NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries administers the Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program which recognizes outstanding achievement in master's and doctoral degrees in oceanography, marine biology, or maritime archaeology—this can include but is not limited to ocean and/or coastal: engineering, social science, marine education, marine stewardship, resource management disciplines—and particularly to encourage women and

members of minority groups to apply. The scholarship supports independent graduate level research through financial support of graduate degrees in such fields. Gender and minority status are not considered when selecting award recipients. However, special outreach efforts are employed to solicit applications from women and members of minority groups. Scholarships are distributed by disciplines, institutions, and geography, and by degree sought, with selections within distributions based on financial need, the potential for success in a graduate level studies program (academic achievement), and the potential for achieving research and career goals. Data collection in the form of a pre and full application, letters of recommendation, grade point average documents, research outline, a letter of financial need statement, and a declaration statement are all required to apply for the scholarship.

*Affected Public:* Individuals.

*Frequency:* Once.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 1445c-1 and 16 U.S.C. 1445c.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering the title of the collection.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****United States Integrated Ocean Observing System Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of new member solicitation for the United States

Integrated Ocean Observing System (U.S. IOOS) Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is soliciting applications for membership on the United States Integrated Ocean Observing System Advisory Committee (the Committee), which is a Federal advisory committee. Members of the Committee will fulfill the requirements of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System (ICOOS) Act of 2009 (the Act). The Committee provides advice to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and to the Interagency Ocean Observation Committee on the planning, integrated design, operation, maintenance, enhancement, and expansion of the United States Integrated Ocean Observing System (U.S. IOOS).

**DATES:** Nominations should be submitted no later than January 17, 2024. Applications received after January 17, 2024 may not be considered during this membership application cycle, but may be considered for future membership cycles. Please note the original deadline of January 2, 2024 has been extended to January 17, 2024 to allow more time for application submissions.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit an application for Committee membership, including cover letter, resume, and requested items below, to Laura Gewain via Email [Laura.Gewain@noaa.gov](mailto:Laura.Gewain@noaa.gov). Please direct any questions regarding application submission to Laura Gewain via Email or Telephone: 240-533-9456.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Krisa Arzayus, 1315 East-West Highway, Station 2616, Silver Spring, MD 20910; Telephone: 240-533-9455; Email: [Krisa.Arzayus@noaa.gov](mailto:Krisa.Arzayus@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** U.S. IOOS promotes research to develop, test, and deploy innovations and improvements in coastal and ocean observation technologies and modeling systems, addresses regional and national needs for ocean information, gathers data on key coastal, ocean, and Great Lakes variables and ensures timely and sustained dissemination and availability of these data for societal benefits. U.S. IOOS benefits national safety, the economy, and the environment through support for national defense, marine commerce and forecasting, navigation safety, weather, climate, energy siting and production, economic development, ecosystem-based management of marine and coastal areas, conservation of ocean and coastal resources and public safety.