



UNESCO/IOC Ocean Training Internships

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The UNESCO-IOC Ocean Training Internships 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.

As an IOC Ocean Training Intern you will be able to learn specific technical skills that you require in your home institution and for which the host institution and mentor have expertise. You will, after hands-on training, be asked to carry out work that is regularly done by the mentor.

Who can apply?

Internship applicants must:

- be at the early stages of career development;
- be citizens from IOC Member States included in the DAC List of ODA (refer to [OECD DAC](#));
- be employed by government institutions;
- work on activities contributing to implementation of work plans adopted by IOC Regional Sub-Commissions.

What are the priority areas of expertise/topics?

For 2024 cohort, there are six (6) host institutions that offer placements to interns providing their expertise in priority areas. Applicants will be asked to indicate which of the host institutions best fit their internship objectives and how undertaking the internships at the said host institution relates to their current role and will benefit their employing institutions. Please refer to Annex I for summary table of the host institutions and their priority topics, mentor information and areas of expertise.

Application Process

Internship applicants should complete the application form online [here](#). It is also a requirement to attach a recommendation letter from your supervisor at your employing institution.

DEADLINE for applications is on 7 July 2024 23:59 (Central European Time). All applicants will be informed of the decision by the end of July 2024. Do not leave for the last minute since the system will close automatically. In case you have any questions please contact the organisers (email: ioc.training@unesco.org) well in advance and always using the name of the call in the subject. Be aware that given time differences you may not get a reply to your question(s) immediately.



Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applications will be evaluated by the UNESCO-IOC and host institutions based on the following:

1. Applicant's profile;
2. Quality of the application;
3. Relevance of the application to the priorities included in the IOC Regional Sub-Commission workplans;
4. Justification how the internships will contribute to building the capacity of the individual and his/her employer organization with lasting impact to the regional capacity;
5. Geographic and gender balance amongst the recipients of the Ocean Training Internships.

Qualified applications will be forwarded to the respective internship host institutions for their review. The final deliberations will be conducted by the IOC CD team and the internship host institution's supervisor/mentor.

If shortlisted, an interview will be arranged to co-design the internship work plan in close collaboration with the host supervisor/mentor.

Terms of the Internship

For 2024 cohort, the 3-month internship starts from September to November 2024.

The internship does not constitute a salary. The IOC will provide the following to successful interns:

1. Round trip international air ticket to and from the airport of the intern's country of residence to the nearest airport to the host institution.
2. A monthly stipend will be provided to cover your expenses during the internship and will be based on the amount recommended by the host institution. Details on expected expenses can be discussed with the host institution.
3. Travel insurance
4. The internship does not cover other expenses incurred domestically such as local transport, visa costs, medical tests, etc.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

[OCEANTRAINING INTERNSHIPS APPLICATION](#)

[OECD DAC LIST OF ODA RECIPIENTS 2024](#)

Annex I. LIST OF HOST INSTITUTIONS

HOST INSTITUTION/ LOCATION	WORKING LANGUAGE/S	MONTHLY COSTS (USD)	TOPICS COVERED	MENTOR
Servicio de Hidrografía Naval Av Montes de Oca 2124 Buenos Aires C1270ABV Argentina	Spanish	1300	Data Access and Development of Quality Control Standards, GIS tools and Coding for Database Improvement	Alvaro Scardilli
CSIRO NCMI Information and Data Centre 3 Castray Esplanade, Battery Point, Tasmania 7004, Australia	English	3000	Marine biodiversity data publishing	Katherine Tattersall
INVEMAR - Marine and Coastal Research Institute in Colombia Calle 25 #2-55, Playa Salguero Rodadero postal address) * Santa Marta, Magdalena 470006, Colombia	English/ Spanish	700	Ocean Data & Information, Capacity Development and Scientific Diplomacy	Carolina Garcia
Senckenberg Research Institute and Natural History Museum Department of Marine Zoology, Biodiversity Information, Frankfurt am Main, Germany 60325	English	1500	Biodiversity Informatics, Biogeography, Ecological Niche modeling	Hanieh Saeedi
International Tsunami Information Centre Honolulu, HI USA (ITIC is a government institution located on military base. Military base access card, and government access card to be obtained with the assistance of the mentor)	English	2800	Tsunami	Laura Kong
INCOIS Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services "Ocean Valley", Pragathi Nagar (BO), Nizampet (SO), Hyderabad, Telangana 500090, India	English	300	Oceanographic Data Analysis and Prediction, AI/ML applications in Oceanography, Visual Analytics	PavanKumar Jonnakuti