



CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Marine National Facility Research Advisory Committee: Vacancy

- Exciting opportunities exist to join the CSIRO Marine National Facility (MNF) Research Advisory Committee.
- Work alongside respected experts to facilitate excellent marine and atmospheric research for the nation.

MNF Research Advisory Committee

Established by CSIRO's MNF Steering Committee (MNFSC), the overarching purpose of the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) is to provide advice to the MNFSC on the research quality of applications for sea time on research vessel (RV) *Investigator*.

About the role

It is a role that is always interesting, sometimes challenging, and critically important to the proper functioning of the MNF in Australia's national interest.

The [MNF 2030](#) strategy commits to facilitating excellent marine and atmospheric research. Marine research is a rich and diverse field of endeavour, and most projects undertaken onboard RV *Investigator* are multidisciplinary in nature. RAC membership is intended to reflect a diverse knowledge base.

To be successful, you will need to demonstrate the following attributes:

- capacity to critically assess research proposals
- a broad understanding of marine and atmospheric scientific domains appropriate to assess proposals for use of the research vessel
- demonstrated track record and expertise in research related to geophysics, geology, physical oceanography, climate systems, and/or maritime heritage disciplines
- experience undertaking research on a blue-water research vessel.

RAC members are invited as experts in their field and not as representatives of any employer or research agency.

The RAC usually meets face-to-face once per annum to finalise assessment of applications for sea time. Meetings will generally be held in Hobart with all travel costs covered by the MNF. It is estimated that each assessment process will require up to 80 hours work spread between June and October each year, culminating with a meeting in Hobart. Additional video-conference meetings and out of session consultation may also be required.

Appointment is for a fixed term of 3 years with the possibility of reappointment for additional terms. Provided eligibility criteria outlined in the CSIRO Pay and Benefits determination are met, sitting fees will be payable for meetings and work outside of meetings.

A notable benefit of sitting on the RAC is the opportunity to obtain greater insight into the assessment process for granted voyage applications. Committee members are not excluded from submitting or being party to applications and a robust process for managing conflicts of interest is in place.

To find out more about the RAC and view the Terms of Reference, visit:

<https://www.csiro.au/en/about/facilities-collections/mnf/about/research-advisory-committee>

How to Apply

Please email a single document including your cover letter and CV to mnfsecretariat@csiro.au. Your cover letter should address the attributes listed above and demonstrate your motivation and ability to meet the requirements of this role.

Applications close: Thursday 11 September 2025 at 11:59pm AEST

Further information

If you require further information, please contact **MNF SC Secretariat** at mnfsecretariat@csiro.au or 03 6232 5102.

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About the Marine National Facility

Funded by the Australian Government, owned and operated by CSIRO with advice from an independent Steering Committee, the MNF provides a blue-water research capability to the Australian scientific community and their international collaborators.

The MNF is based at the CSIRO Marine Laboratories in Hobart, Tasmania, which is also home port for research vessel (RV) *Investigator*. Research obtained from voyages provide critical information to directly support government, industry and other stakeholders in making evidence-based decisions to ensure the long-term viability and prosperity of Australian marine industries.

The MNF comprises: an ocean class research vessel *Investigator*; a package of scientific equipment and instrumentation; a collection of more than 40 years of marine data; the expertise required to manage an ocean-going research platform and support to vessel users; and an independent Steering Committee and advisory committees. Find out more: www.csiro.au/mnf