



CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Marine National Facility Steering Committee: User Community Representative

- Are you a marine researcher with your ear to the ground within the community?
- Exciting opportunity to join the CSIRO Marine National Facility (MNF) Steering Committee as a research vessel User Community Representative.
- Work alongside respected experts to facilitate excellent marine science for Australia.

MNF Steering Committee

The Marine National Facility Steering Committee (MNFSC), appointed by the CSIRO Board, provides strategic advice on the direction, time allocation, and performance of the MNF within Australian and international contexts. Operating under CSIRO's governance and *The Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*, the MNFSC includes a Chair and representatives from government, industry, and the user community, with ex-officio members from relevant agencies to ensure alignment with national priorities. The MNFSC advises on policy, advocates for marine research, promotes use of the research vessel (RV) *Investigator*, and raises awareness of the MNF's contributions to the nation.

Refer to the MNFSC Charter for further details:

<https://www.csiro.au/en/about/facilities-collections/MNF/About/Steering-committee/MNFSC-Charter>

About the role

The MNFSC is seeking a User Community Representative to help develop the next generation of Australian marine scientists. The role involves attending meetings and contributing to discussions.

Ideal candidates will:

- currently work as a marine researcher in a leadership role with broad connections across the marine science community
- demonstrate proven leadership and effective communication skills with research and industry stakeholders, using your network to provide feedback on behalf of users
- have a strong scientific and practical background in marine science and experience working in multi-disciplinary teams
- be committed to marine science that relies on access to blue-water research vessels.

Appointments are for 3 years, with a possible second term. Sitting fees are paid if CSIRO criteria are met. Members act as independent experts, not as representatives of their employers. The MNFSC meets face-to-face twice a year in Hobart (July and November), with travel costs covered. Additional video meetings and consultations may occur. MNFSC members are not excluded from submitting or being party to applications for sea time and a robust process for managing conflicts of interest is in place.

For more information and the MNFSC Terms of Reference, visit

<https://www.csiro.au/en/about/facilities-collections/MNF/About/Steering-committee>

How to Apply

Please apply to mnfsecretariat@csiro.au with single document including your cover letter and CV. Your cover letter should address the attributes listed above, including the skills, experience and area of expertise that you will bring to the committee.

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

Further information

If you require further information, please contact **MNFSC 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 of 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 and environment.

The MNF comprises: the ocean class research vessel, RV *Investigator*; a suite 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