



CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Member – MNF Research Advisory Committee

The Marine National Facility (MNF) invites Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified individuals to join the MNF Research Advisory Committee (RAC).

This is an important advisory role, offering the opportunity to work alongside respected experts to support the delivery of excellent, nationally significant marine and atmospheric research enabled by the MNF.

MNF Research Advisory Committee (RAC)

The RAC established by the MNF Steering Committee to provide independent expert advice on the research quality of applications for sea time through the MNF merit assessment process, and on other matters requiring scientific expertise as requested.

RAC members are appointed as experts in their field, not as representatives of their organisation or employer, and operate under strict confidentiality and conflict of interest arrangements.

About the role

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 on board CSIRO research vessel (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 in a research discipline relevant to the MNF. This round of appointments seeks to appoint expertise from geophysics, geology, physical oceanography, microbial oceanography, climate systems and impacts, and/or or maritime and cultural heritage disciplines
- experience undertaking research on an ocean research vessel.

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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 three years with the possibility of reappointment for additional terms. Provided eligibility criteria outlined in the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973* are met, sitting fees and travel support will be provided for meetings and work conducted outside of meetings, in accordance with applicable CSIRO policies. Fees are paid only to committee members who are not officers of CSIRO, or full-time officers of the Australian Public Service or other Commonwealth agencies in normal circumstances.

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.

Visit [Research Advisory Committee - CSIRO](#) to find out more about the RAC and to view the Terms of Reference.

How to Apply

EOI should include:

- a brief cover letter outlining interest in the role and relevant experience
- a current curriculum vitae
- any additional information demonstrating suitability for appointment.

Closing date

EOI should be submitted to mnfsecretariat@csiro.au by 8 May 2026.

Contact us

If you require further information, please contact the MNFSC Secretariat on +61 3 6232 5122 or mnfsecretariat@csiro.au

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CSIRO Marine National Facility

The Marine National Facility (MNF) is national collaborative research infrastructure for marine science, operated by CSIRO on behalf of the nation. Funded by the Australian Government and operated by CSIRO with advice from an independent Steering Committee, the MNF provides a dedicated ocean research capability to the Australian research community and its international collaborators.

The MNF provides access to the research vessel (RV) *Investigator* and associated scientific capabilities to support world-class, collaborative and multidisciplinary research in areas of national and global importance. The MNF operates in the national interest and is guided by the *MNF2030* strategy, which commits to facilitating excellent marine and atmospheric research that delivers impact for Australia.

The MNF is based at the CSIRO Marine Laboratories in Hobart, Tasmania, which is also the home port of RV *Investigator*. Research undertaken on MNF voyages generates critical data and knowledge that directly support government, industry and other stakeholders in making evidence-based decisions to ensure the long-term sustainability and prosperity of Australia's marine environment and industries.

The MNF comprises an ocean-class research vessel (RV) *Investigator*; a comprehensive suite of scientific equipment and instrumentation; more than 40 years of marine research data; specialist expertise to operate and manage an oceangoing research platform and support vessel users; and an independent Steering Committee supported by advisory committees.

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