

FAQs

Early Career Ocean Professionals Program - 2023

Q: Who can apply?

A: Applications are open to citizens or residents of any [IORA Member State](#) that have graduated within the last 6 years from their highest degree. Individuals who do not have citizenship or residency in an IORA Member State are not eligible to apply.

Q: How do I apply?

A: Send an email to the IORA Blue Carbon Hub (iora.bluecarbonhub@csiro.au) with copy to the IORA Secretariat (hq@iora.int) with the following information

- Name, title, country and institutional affiliation
- Node of proposed activity: science or finance
- Proposed activity (no more than 500 words)
- Proposed collaborator(s), including their role and institutional affiliation.

Note that applications that do not include information under all four points will not be considered.

Q: What else should I include in the application?

A: You should include a CV with your application.

Q: Where should the collaborators be from?

A: Collaborators can be from anywhere, but collaborators from IORA Member States are preferred. The successful candidate will be expected to work with the Hub.

Our goal is to generate networks that will help improve knowledge; if you would like us to suggest a potential collaborator please send a brief description of the project you are planning to Lauren Hardiman (lauren.hardiman@csiro.au) and Mat Vanderklift (mat.vanderklift@csiro.au) before you submit your application.

Q: Is there funding to cover meals and local transport?

A: The hub will cover the costs of full board (accommodation and meals) in Perth (near the IORA Blue Carbon Hub offices).

Q: Can the project involve activities such as in situ data collection or field work?

A: Fieldwork can be included but budget to support it is limited. Applicants should plan to spend most of their time at the Hub offices in Perth. If fieldwork is anticipated it should be outlined in the description of the proposed activity.

Q: Can fieldwork activity (e.g. boats, transport etc) costs be covered?

A: If there are some modest costs associated with fieldwork, the Hub will try to accommodate this, but funds are limited for this type of activity.

Q: When should my project be completed?

A: Projects should aim to be finished in the 6-8-week period whilst working with the Hub in Perth, Australia. The aim of the project should be to have a compact project in association with the Hub to accelerate the results.

Q: What can my project be about?

A: Proposed projects should fall into one of the two categories: blue carbon finance or blue carbon science. Projects can include activities such as original research, reviews or development of policy briefs, but we encourage applicants to suggest their own ideas.

Read more [here](#) about the previous cohort of early career visiting scientists and the previous topics undertaken. If you would like to know if your idea is in scope, please send a brief description of the project you are planning to Lauren Hardiman (lauren.hardiman@csiro.au) and Mat Vanderklift (mat.vanderklift@csiro.au) before you submit your application.

Q: How do I obtain a visa for Australia?

Appropriate visas can be found using [here](#) the costs incurred will be covered by the hub.

If you have any further questions, please contact lauren.hardiman@csiro.au or iora.bluecarbonhub@csiro.au

Please only send applications to: the IORA Blue Carbon Hub (iora.bluecarbonhub@csiro.au) with copy to the IORA Secretariat (hq@iora.int) by the **30th June 2023**.