

## OES Ocean Decade Ambassador Program 2023

You're invited to apply to be an IEEE OES Ocean Decade Ambassador!

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### Description

The [UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development](#) (known as the Ocean Decade) is generating increasing enthusiasm and energy in the ocean science communities. IEEE Oceanic Engineering Society (OES) has formed the Ocean Decade Committee to both explore ways to promote the Ocean Decade goals and community to IEEE members, and ways members can contribute to the Ocean Decade's goals. Recognizing there is significant knowledge and ongoing work within OES' network and the broader IEEE network, our first step is to look to establish connections with groups within those networks to learn from and support one another (examples of these networks are listed below).

To this end, OES seeks to designate enthusiastic volunteers as **Ocean Decade Ambassadors** to represent and promote the Ocean Decade in OES activities.

Ocean Decade Ambassadors can continue to work within one of their existing networks but would add activities that are aligned with the Ocean Decade goals. It is assumed that existing networks would likely be IEEE networks, but other networks could qualify if relevant to the OES Community. Examples of networks we would like to establish Ocean Decade Ambassadors in include but are not limited to:

- student branch chapters,
- chapters (including joint chapters),
- technology committees,
- local organizing committees for conferences, workshops, and symposia,
- regional organizational units,
- women in engineering affinity groups,
- young professionals affinity groups,
- life member affinity groups,
- standards associations,
- relevant technical councils

The specific activities of an Ambassador will be customized to their network. Ambassadors will be selected through a [competitive application](#) process (link: <https://forms.gle/U7xg2HN9h93Pp1Pb9>). We anticipate six Ambassadors in the first cohort. Ambassadors are free to propose one or more activities that a) advance the Ocean Decade goals, b) form a logical programme that spans through the end of 2023 and c) is relevant to their network. Some ideas are listed below, but should be treated as inspiration only.

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### Potential Ideas for Ocean Decade Ambassador Activities:

- inventory and promote existing Decade Actions relevant to your network's interests

- organize surveys of your network re: current knowledge of and interests in the Ocean Decade
- develop resources or presentations relevant to the Ocean Decade and your network
- organize a distinguished lecture, panel, town hall, or special session on an Ocean Decade topic and in a setting relevant to your network; promote this within the Ocean Decade community
- author a series of Ocean Decade themed articles for the Beacon, Earthzine, or other IEEE publications that reach your network (note, this should go beyond documenting events)
- develop social media content for those in your network
- arrange a poster, paper, or technology competition on an Ocean Decade theme for your network
- organize or propose a partnership, project, or initiative relevant to the Ocean Decade and your network
- arrange recognition for people or events in your network that support the Ocean Decade
- become a liaison and contributor to an UN Ocean Decade Action, Project or Program of relevance to OES members and OES activities, to better connect that activity with IEEE communities

#### **Requirements to be an Ocean Decade Ambassador:**

- Have an interest in the Ocean Decade – ideally, this would include an existing understanding of the Ocean Decade’s goals, actions, and communities. No specific technical background is required.
- Be, or be willing to become, an OES member for the duration of your appointment as Ambassador
- Be an active member of an IEEE network to which they could promote the Ocean Decade – ideally, this would be an OES network (e.g., chapter member, technology committee member, conference / workshop local organization committee, etc.)
- Be willing to write articles about any events or activities in the Beacon / Earthzine (as appropriate)
- Be committed to act as an Ocean Decade Ambassador through the end of December 2023, with an option to renew through December 2024 based on progress and initiative funding
- Committed to promoting equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility in all activities
- Accepted [application](#) (if that link does not work, please enter the following in your browser: <https://forms.gle/U7xg2HN9h93Pp1Pb9>)

#### **Eligibility**

- all ages, career stages, regions, technical interests

#### **Support for Selected Ocean Decade Ambassadors:**

- Training on the Ocean Decade communities and goals
- Mentorship from a member of the OES Administrative Committee, Executive Committee or Ocean Decade Committee (as relevant)
- Bi-monthly (every-other month) meetings with all Ocean Decade Ambassadors
- Invitation to join the Ocean Decade Committee or to attend meetings
- Access to (limited) funds to support their proposed activities (under guidance from mentors)

#### **Timeline:**

- This first call for applications will close **February 21, 2023, at midnight (AOE: anywhere on earth)**.
- Ambassadors will be notified by email on or before **March 15, 2023**.

- Selected Ambassadors should expect to begin their work on or around **April 15, 2023** and complete their activities by **December 31, 2023**. The option to renew Ambassadorships will be discussed in the third or fourth quarter of 2023, pending budgets and programme progress.

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**Questions:**

- Please email [oceandecade.oes@gmail.com](mailto:oceandecade.oes@gmail.com) if you have any questions or concerns about this program. Beware, emails on or after February 19<sup>th</sup> may not be answered before the application deadline.

**Note:** If this program doesn't sound quite right for you, but you are interested in working on Ocean Decade-related projects anyway, please get in touch with the Ocean Decade Committee at [oceandecade.oes@gmail.com](mailto:oceandecade.oes@gmail.com) – there are lots of ways to get involved!