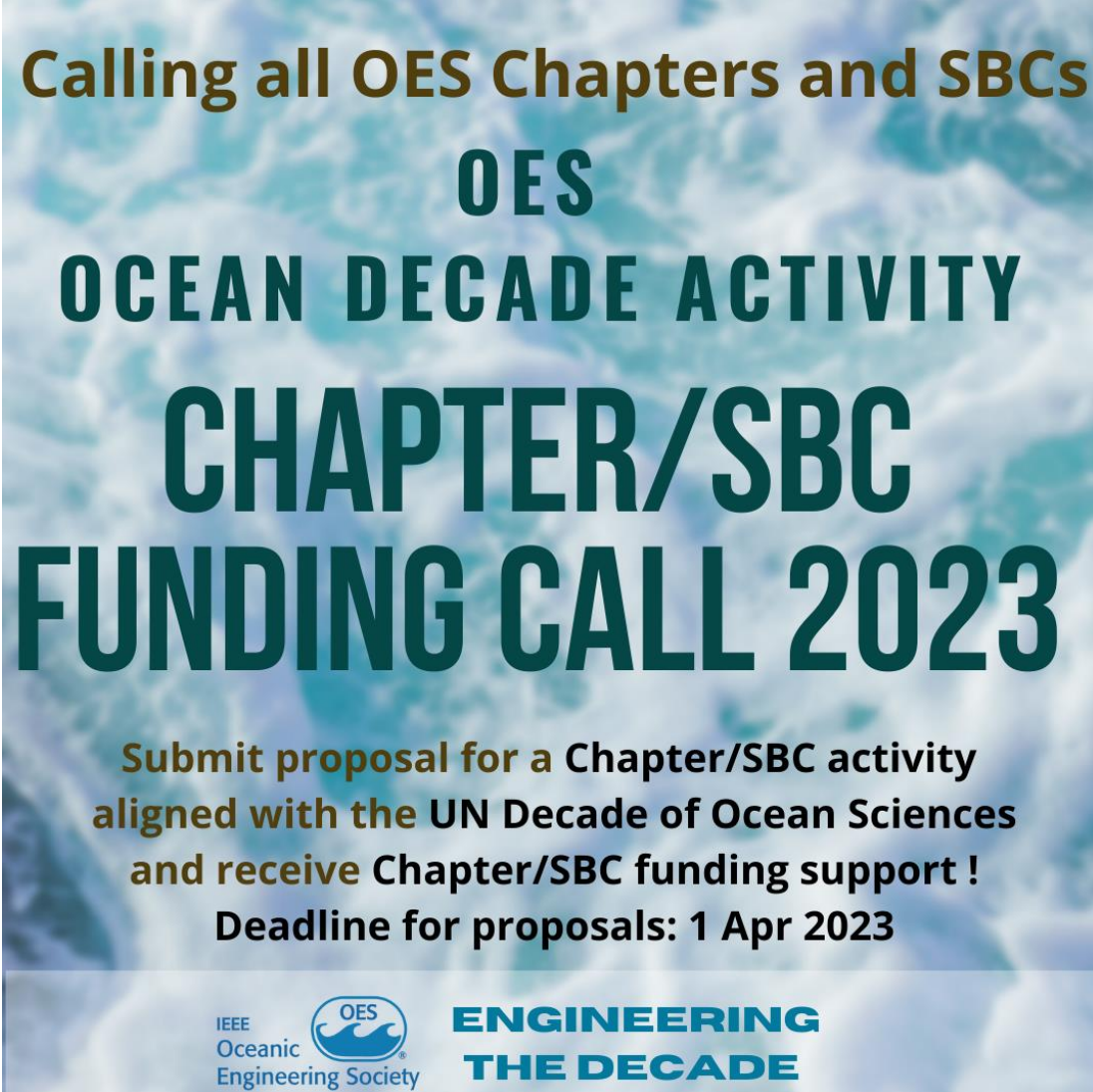


Call for Ocean Decade Chapter and SBC activity proposals



Calling all OES Chapters and SBCs

OES

OCEAN DECADE ACTIVITY

CHAPTER/SBC

FUNDING CALL 2023

Submit proposal for a Chapter/SBC activity aligned with the UN Decade of Ocean Sciences and receive Chapter/SBC funding support !

Deadline for proposals: 1 Apr 2023

IEEE Oceanic Engineering Society **ENGINEERING THE DECADE**

The [UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development](#) (known as the Ocean Decade) is generating increasing enthusiasm and energy in the ocean science and engineering communities. IEEE OES has started the Ocean Decade Initiative to promote the Ocean Decade goals within the IEEE community and to encourage members to contribute to the goals of the Decade.

There are abundant opportunities available for raising awareness of the Ocean Decade in our OES communities through local chapter events. The Ocean Decade is also an opportunity for local community engagement, which often attracts more public attention and can help spread the name of OES among the general community. It is also an opportunity to connect with other IEEE Societies and bodies that have a common interest in the goals of the Decade.

Chapters and student branch chapters (SBCs) are the main vehicles of OES's activities at the regional level, and it is important for them to lead as one of the implementers of OES's Ocean Decade plans and bridge OES to regional efforts involved with the Decade. These are also avenues to recruit volunteers.

Over the duration of the Ocean Decade Initiative, Chapters and SBCs are encouraged to organize local events that relate to any of the themes of the Ocean Decade. OES is especially interested in activities that bring together ocean scientists with engineers, technologists and industry. These could be linked to any of the Decade [Outcomes](#) and [Challenges](#), or existing Ocean Decade programmes (examples [OceanPractises](#) which focuses on standards and best practises, [CoastPredict](#) or [Marinelife2030](#)).

Funding call

OES will provide seed funding towards organizing Ocean Decade related events/activities (seminars/workshops/outreach etc), to the tune of USD \$500-\$2000 per chapter or \$500-\$1000 per SBC depending on overall fund availability and number of applicants. OES can also help find qualified speakers to present on Ocean Decade structure. There could be special incentive for sustainability initiatives that get listed in the Panorama portal (<https://panorama.solutions/>).

There will be two calls for applications. **The first call for applications for activities in 2023 will close on 1 Apr 2023.** The plan will be reviewed by the committee within four-to-five weeks and a decision made. A second call for applications will be sent in June with a deadline of mid-July, conditional on funds being available under the initiative to support further chapter/SBC activity for 2023.

The proposed activities must be completed by 30 November 2023. The funded activities under the chapter funding initiative must not overlap with that provided for the Ocean Decade Ambassador program or other OES funding initiatives.

Note: Chapter/SBC activities could have a humanitarian objective, or an objective related to underwater sensing or Young Professionals, and OES could assist in applying for IEEE Humanitarian activities, IEEE YP or Sensors Council additional funding. The activity could also seek to link to objectives/activities of the [OES Standards committee](#).

Requirements

- Submit a detailed plan for the proposed activity for this year (max 4 pages), including a budget which outlines all expected costs, what the OES support will be used for, as well as any other support sought. The plan should mention which Decade challenge/outcome the activity is geared towards.
- The event must be organized under the IEEE OES banner, or jointly with other entities who are willing to support/sponsor the event.
- Submit the required IEEE event report using vTools Events
- Write an article for the Beacon and Earthzine magazine
- (Optional) Submit short articles to OES Social Media channels and/or record a portion of the event for the OES Youtube channel

Submit your plan to oceandecade.oes@gmail.com with the subject “Chapter activity proposal - (chapter name)” by 1 Apr 2023.

Other features

- Events with a regional flavor and grassroots impact are encouraged. Events with local community engagement which attracts public attention would be great for OES visibility in the general community.
- The Ocean Decade lays emphasis on Early Career Ocean Professional growth, and activities geared towards this are encouraged too.
- Events that synergize with funding from other sources too (eg. IEEE Humanitarian activities, Sensors council, IEEE YP, other patrons) are encouraged, and they should be jointly organized events along with OES.
- Events co-organized by OES chapters from different sections / regions, with MTS or other organizations aligned with Ocean Decade goals are encouraged

Please email oceandecade.oes@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns about this program. Beware, emails on or after March 27th 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 – there are lots of ways to get involved!