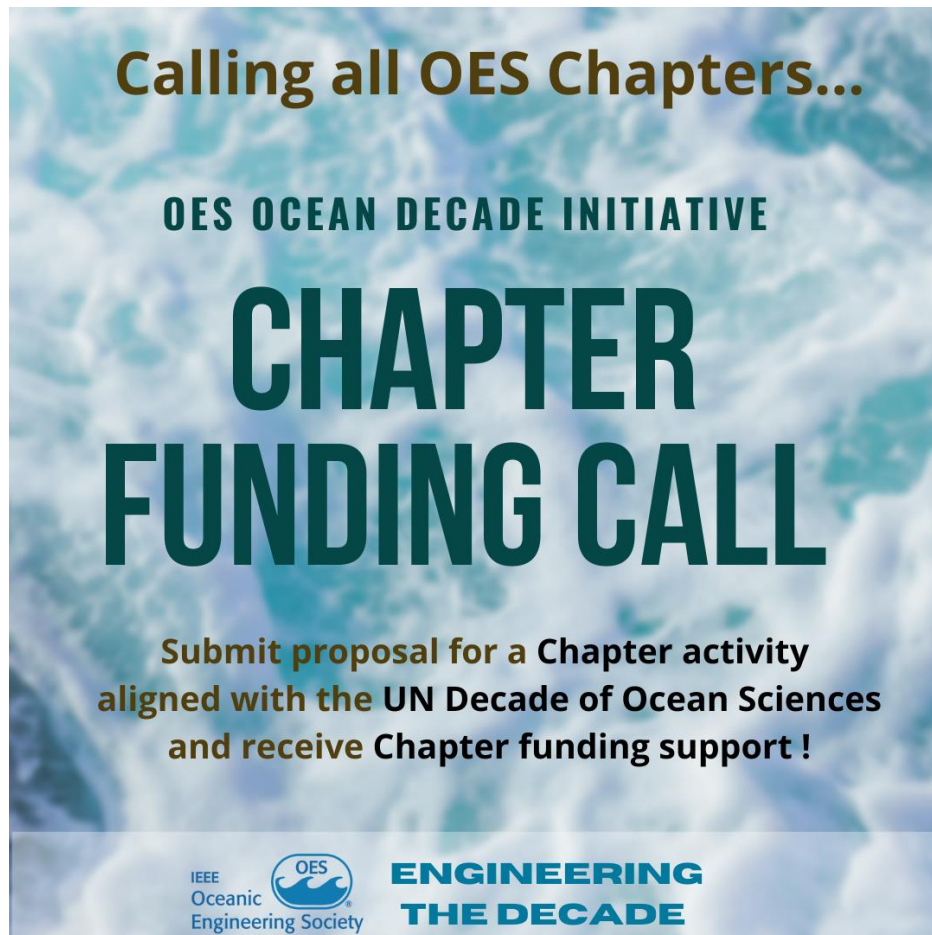


## Call for Ocean Decade Chapter and SBC funding



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 OES has formed the Ocean Decade Committee to explore ways to promote the Ocean Decade goals and community to IEEE members and how members can 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 to connect with other IEEE Societies and bodies that have a common interest in the goals of the Decade, and our communities can engage in the Decade goals by partnering with science events and organizations to share IEEE members' expertise. Chapters and SBCs are the main vehicles of OES's activities at the regional level, and it is important for Chapters and SBCs 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 to the initiative.

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](#).

## 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 and SBC depending on overall fund availability and number of applicants.

There will be two calls for applications. **The first call for applications for activities in 2024 will close on 10 May 2024**, but earlier submission is encouraged in order to plan and utilize funds in advance. The plan will be reviewed by the committee and a decision made as soon as possible. **The proposed activities must be completed by 31 December 2024**. The activities/budgeting provided under the chapter funding must not overlap with that provided for the Ocean Decade Ambassador program or other funding initiatives.

Note: Chapter or SBC activities could have a humanitarian objective, or an objective related to underwater sensing, and OES could assist in applying for IEEE Humanitarian activities or Sensors Council additional funding.

## Requirements

- Submit a detailed plan for the proposed activity for this year, 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](mailto:oceandecade.oes@gmail.com) by 10 May 2024.

## Other features

- Events with a regional flavor and grassroots impact are encouraged
- The Ocean Decade lays emphasis on Early Career Ocean Professional (ECOP) 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](mailto:oceandecade.oes@gmail.com) if you have any questions or concerns about this program. Beware, emails on or after April 11<sup>th</sup> may not be answered immediately 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!