

# Chapter funding for reporters to cover Ocean Decade articles for Earthzine - 2024

The [UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development](#) (Ocean Decade) is picking up momentum and generating increasing enthusiasm and energy in the ocean engineering/science communities.

As part of this initiative, the [IEEE OES Earthzine](#) magazine will focus on Ocean Decade themed articles to support Ocean-science and ocean-engineering visibility efforts. An Earthzine [theme](#) for this was started in 2021, soliciting articles on this theme for publication.

IEEE OES Chapters or Student Branch Chapters (SBCs) can contribute to this initiative by writing original Earthzine articles on Ocean Decade-themed topics or covering OES's Ocean Decade initiatives. The articles could cover

- Ocean Decade events including the [seven Ocean Decade laboratories](#) presented virtually over last year.
- Talk about an idea, theme or research topic that caters to one of the seven Ocean Decade [outcomes](#) or 10 Decade [challenges](#), or existing Ocean Decade programmes (examples [OceanPractises](#) which focuses on standards and best practises, [CoastPredict](#) or [Marinelife2030](#)..
- Talk about Ocean Decade interest group activities such as [Early Career Ocean Professionals](#), Women in Engineering, etc.
- Cover OES's Ocean Decade initiatives, including Ocean Decade funded awards or papers at upcoming conferences, or Ocean Decade endorsed OES events.
- Any other article idea that you think covers the Ocean Decade at a global or regional level.

The relevance of the article to the Ocean Decade must be stated clearly. Earthzine articles published in the past related to the Decade include:

- <https://earthzine.org/offshore-wind-in-the-us-the-take-at-oceans-2022-hampton-roads/>
- <https://earthzine.org/oceans-2022-hampton-roads-plenary-2-ocean-technologies-breakthroughs-challenges-and-opportunities-for-security-and-stewardship/>
- <https://earthzine.org/resilient-coasts-adapting-today-to-secure-tomorrow/>

## Funding call

We invite reporters to write up articles covering Ocean Decade themed events and initiatives, or OES activities geared towards the Ocean Decade. For every article contributed by an author, the Ocean Decade Initiative will provide support of up to \$100 per article **to the respective chapter/SBC**, upto a max of 2 articles per chapter/SBC (\$200 per chapter). Inclusion of media content (youtube videos, flyers, etc) that could be further used for the Decade initiative's publicity are encouraged.

Articles submitted under this initiative cannot overlap with the Ocean Decade Ambassador program or the Ocean Decade Chapter/SBC support initiatives.

Articles must be submitted by the authors to the [Earthzine OJS portal](#) by **15 November 2024** to be eligible for the funding.

- Authors must be IEEE OES members.
- Write an article for Earthzine covering Ocean Decade activities

For details on this, reach out to [earthzineeditor@ieee.org](mailto:earthzineeditor@ieee.org) .

For brainstorming ideas on relevant article topics, you can reach out to the Earthzine Editor-in-Chief at [earthzineeditor@ieee.org](mailto:earthzineeditor@ieee.org) . You can also keep a watch out for interesting Ocean Decade activities that you want to cover, and come up with your own ideas. Refer to previous Ocean Decade themed articles [here](#).

For guidelines on writing Earthzine articles, refer [here](#). After a topic has been finalized, run the draft by the Editor, or submit your article via the online portal OJS by creating an account [here](#). Articles must be written in a layman's language, and having illustrative images is recommended.