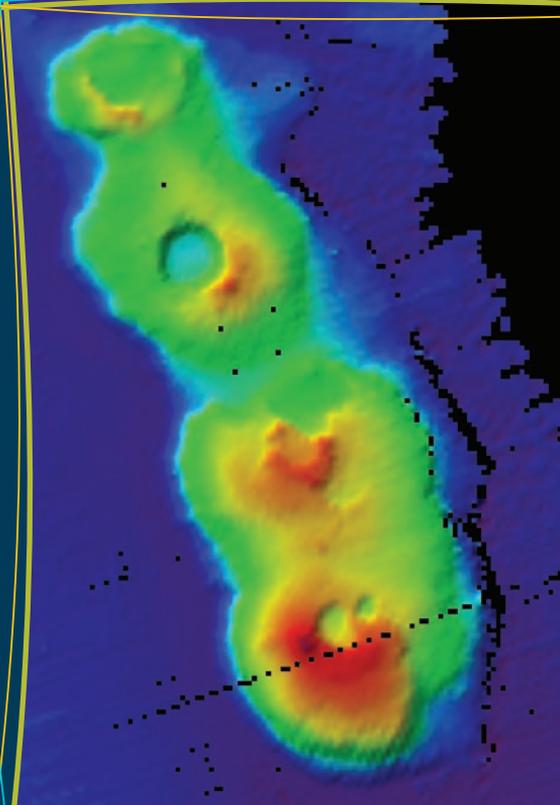




Marine National Facility
applications for
2017-18
OPEN 20 JULY 2015

RV Investigator
Supporting, enabling and
inspiring marine science



Applications open 20 July 2015 and must be in by COB 4 September AEST.

The Marine National Facility operates on a rolling annual cycle of scheduled voyages which cover financial years from July to June. Each annual applications round begins two years in advance of the commencement of the relevant voyage schedule and applications for single or multi-year voyages up to three years ahead are accepted.

Did you know this call is for single and multi-year applications!

WHAT IS A SINGLE YEAR APPLICATION?

If you have a research project that can be completed in a voyage or voyages during 2017-18.

WHAT IS A MULTI-YEAR APPLICATION?

You can apply for voyages over a three year period (beginning 2017-18). You will need a scientific reason why this is required and the application must be outstanding to justify the allocation of sea time.

Who can apply?

Scientists who work at Australian institutions, like universities and other research organisations.

Where can I go?

The area of operations is open but *Investigator* can only operate to the Antarctic ice-edge.

How do I apply?

First you need to submit a compulsory pre-proposal, which is a brief outline of the science and logistics. The MNF then send the pre-proposals to everyone who applied to see if there are any opportunities for scientific collaboration. You might find another project that you'd love to combine with if the combined application can gain a higher score against the selection criteria: scientific excellence, national benefit and track record. Then you need to sit down and write the application for sea time, which is due by COB 4 September 2015.

Things to remember!

The ship only has 60 bunks. We need crew to operate the ship and support staff to help with voyage management and scientific equipment. That means at the most there are 35 bunks for scientific projects and less if more support staff are required. And, while the ship can go to sea for 60 days, that's at best, so if you're planning a longer voyage, talk to the MNF first to make sure it's possible.

Can I get an extension? No.

Even if I asked nicely? Still no.

I've got so many questions! Check out the website mnf.csiro.au and then if you're still not sure, email Linda Gaskell at the MNF – linda.gaskell@csiro.au.

WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU ON BOARD!