

Ocean Leaders Impact Program - Call for Proposals

Canada's Ocean Supercluster (OSC) has launched a Canada-wide Call for Proposals under its new Ocean Leaders Impact Program (OLIP). The program focuses on developing new mentorship opportunities and building on the experienced talent pool in Canada's ocean economy. The Call will help fill the gaps in the innovation ecosystem by investing in projects that forge new partnerships, build on existing talent resources, and foster creative solutions that support small and medium-sized ocean enterprises as they grow.

The Ocean Leaders Impact Program Call for Proposals is designed for projects that can be completed in 12-18 months. The OLIP Call for Proposals is specifically targeting two strategic opportunities, including mentorship and experienced ocean talent, partnering with projects that:

- Attract, train, and retain new mentors in the Canadian ocean innovation ecosystem;
- Create more leadership opportunities for diverse and underrepresented groups;
- Expand the highly skilled ocean talent pool through domestic recruitment efforts targeted outside the ocean economy;
- Support ocean SMEs' abilities to secure senior leaders and specialized technical talent from international markets; and
- Focus on the career advancement of current employees with senior leadership potential within Canadian ocean SMEs.

The application process is now open, beginning with the Expression Interest (EOI) process. For consideration, organizations must submit a completed EOI by **July 28, 2021**, at 4

pm Atlantic time.

For complete details, visit oceansupercluster.ca/projects/ocean-leaders-impact-program

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- Attract, train and retain new mentors in Canada's ocean innovation ecosystem;
- Create more leadership opportunities for diverse and under-represented groups;
- Develop the pool of highly skilled talent in the ocean through targeted domestic recruitment efforts outside of the ocean economy;
- Support the capacity of ocean-based SMEs to find senior executives and specialized technical talent from international markets; and
- Focus on the career advancement of current employees with potential as senior executives for Canada's Ocean SMEs.

The proposal submission process is ongoing. It has just started with the Declaration of Interest (DI) process. Organizations must submit an expression of interest form by **July 28, 2021**, 4:15 p.m. Atlantic time, in order for their project to be evaluated.

For more details, visit <u>https://oceansupercluster.ca/en/projects/nouveau-programme-impact-des-leaders-de-locean-lappel-de-propositions/</u>

