

Call for Nominations
Deep Submergence Science Committee
Cut-off date: March 8, 2016

The UNOLS Deep Submergence Science Committee (DeSSC) is seeking nominations to fill three membership vacancies. One position is currently open and two positions will open in the fall.

The DESSC is the UNOLS Committee charged with providing oversight and advice to the National Deep Submergence Facility (NDSF) operator on matters concerning utilization, upgrades, and long-term planning of its vehicles (*Alvin*, *Jason*, and *Sentry*). The Committee strives to maintain awareness of the needs of the users for new sensors and equipment to address important scientific questions, and to provide this information to the NDSF operator and the federal agencies. Additionally the Committee works to engage early career scientists and promote outreach initiatives on the use of NDSF vehicles in deep submergence research.

Candidates should be experienced in the use of deep submergence vehicles. The committee membership representation includes diverse disciplinary interests and maintaining this disciplinary balance will be a consideration in the selection of new members. In an effort to maintain the disciplinary depth on the committee, we are particularly interested in candidates with research experience in geochemistry, marine geology and geophysics, engineering, and data integration. However, all interested applicants regardless of discipline will be considered.

For additional information about DESSC, visit the Committee website at <https://www.unols.org/committee/deep-submergence-science-committee-dessc>. For information about committee responsibilities contact the DESSC Chair, Peter Girguis at pgirguis@oeb.harvard.edu.

Terms of office are three years, with the possibility of re-appointment for a second term. Applicants or nominees should submit a brief statement of interest in serving on DESSC along with a CV to the UNOLS Office by email office@unols.org by **March 8, 2016**. Experience using deep submergence facilities should be highlighted in the statement of interest. Committee members are appointed by the UNOLS Chair based on the recommendation of the DeSSC and with the concurrence of the UNOLS Council.