



**Call for Nominations
Fleet Improvement Committee
Two Member Positions
Nomination Deadline – March 25, 2016**

UNOLS is seeking nominations to fill two vacancies on the Fleet Improvement Committee (FIC).

The Fleet Improvement Committee works to assure the continuing excellence of the UNOLS Fleet and to assure that the number, mix and overall capability of ships in the UNOLS fleet match the science requirements of academic oceanography in the U.S. At this time FIC is engaged in several stages of new vessel planning including reviews of science mission requirements, construction, and transition to operations. The future fleet composition, capabilities, capacity, and user demand, along with budgetary realities are all areas that FIC will continue to evaluate. Individuals who wish to contribute to these efforts are needed to fill two FIC seats.

Candidates should have experience with the UNOLS Fleet and shipboard science activities. By the terms of the UNOLS Charter, the positions now open must be filled by candidates from UNOLS non-operator institutions (institutions that do not operate a UNOLS vessel). The committee membership should represent diverse disciplines and broad geographic interests. To achieve a disciplinary balance on the FIC, individuals with research expertise in acoustics or physical oceanography are especially encouraged to apply. The committee members are appointed by the UNOLS Chair based on the recommendation of the FIC and with the concurrence of the UNOLS Council.

FIC members are expected to attend two FIC meetings annually. One meeting is normally held in the fall in conjunction with the UNOLS Council and Annual meetings in Arlington, VA. The second meeting is typically held in the winter/early spring and the location will vary from year to year. Terms of office are three years, with the possibility of re-election for a second term. For additional information about FIC, please visit the committee website at: <http://www.unols.org/committee/fleet-improvement-committee-fic>.

Applicants or nominees should submit:

- A current 2-page C.V.
- A statement of interest to serve on FIC
- A summary of experience using research vessels and other oceanographic facilities.

Copies of these materials should be sent to the UNOLS Office office@unols.org by **March 25, 2016**.

For additional information about FIC and committee responsibilities contact the FIC Chair, Jim Swift at jswift@ucsd.edu or the UNOLS Office (Annette DeSilva or Jon Alberts) at office@unols.org.