

Marine Facilities Advisory Board (MFAB)

Call for new members – Applications by 20th July 2018

What is MFAB?

The purpose of the Marine Facilities Advisory Board (MFAB) is to acquire views from the whole of the UK marine science community and then provide advice to the Executive Director of the National Oceanography Centre (NOC) on current capability and future development of the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) National Marine Equipment Pool (NMEP) including the Marine Autonomous and Robotic Systems (MARS) autonomous equipment.

The NMEP is co-ordinated through, and led by, NOC on behalf of NERC. MFAB sits within a [governance framework](#) which reviews the performance of NOC. The chair of MFAB sits on the assurance group known as the Cruise Programme Executive Board (CPEB) to inform the NERC Director of Science and Innovation (DSI), and provide assurance that the strategic investments being made by NOC reflect the wider UK marine science community views and are prioritised on the basis of benefits to the whole of the UK marine science community.

Membership

Core membership of MFAB includes:

- A chair that is independent of NOC
- An external equipment specialist
- An international barter partner
- NERC Head of Marine Science
- NOC Chief Operating Officer
- NOC Associate Director NMF
- Head of BODC (British Oceanographic Data Centre)

And at least ten members from the UK marine scientific user community ¹

This is an open call to any member of the UK marine science community with experience of using NMEP services to express their interest in becoming a member of MFAB.

[More details \(including Terms of Reference\)](#)

Informal enquiries can be made to the current chair of MFAB, Professor Mark Inall (mark.inall@sams.ac.uk), or the incoming chair Professor Carol Robinson (carol.robinson@uea.ac.uk).

To apply please send your CV and a cover letter to Jackie Pearson, MFAB Secretariat (jfpea@noc.ac.uk)

Deadline: 20th July 2018

¹ The marine science community is defined as that established by the NOC Association: a network of identified, institutional representatives of Universities and research centres.
[Membership of the NOC Association, as of May 2018](#)