

Capital Expenditure Proposal Form

Members of the NERC-funded marine science community, who are involved in research expeditions which utilize National Marine Equipment Pool (NMEP) equipment, are invited to submit proposals, by completing a [Capital Expenditure Proposal Form](#) for sensors, systems or platforms to enhance the NMEP.

A note on Expectation: The purpose of this exercise is that, when opportunities arise at short notice, National Marine Facilities (NMF) will have an up-to-date, rank-ordered openly-generated priority list of proposed capital purchases that will be used to inform how the National Marine Equipment Pool (NMEP) Capital Funding is used.

Applicants are encouraged to check the [NMF Technology Roadmap](#) before submitting proposals to check that the item is not already listed or included in future plans. Where uncertain, please contact the MFAB Secretary.

Please note that:-

- in a typical year, one without exceptional and unpredictable capital purchase opportunities, funding is used to replace equipment which is lost, damaged or obsolete, or to fund development work on current items within the NMEP.
- this call should not be used to apply for fixed infrastructure.

Submission and review process

There will be one call per year. Applicants are asked to submit proposals by the due date given below. Proposals will be reviewed at the 2021 meeting of the MFAB. Proposals received after the due date will be held over until the next round.

- Email proposals to Jackie Pearson, Secretary to the Marine Facilities Advisory Board (MFAB): jfpea@noc.ac.uk
- The MFAB Chair will nominate members of the Board with relevant expertise, to review and rank proposals.
- Reviews will be drawn together by the MFAB Chair, and given a final rank ordering.
- The rank ordered list will be merged with existing list by the MFAB Chair in discussion with the Associate Director, National Marine Facilities, National Oceanography Centre.
- Proposals will be reviewed against the availability of NMF technicians to maintain and operate equipment over its expected lifetime.
- Feedback will be given for all proposals submitted.

Due date for Round Two: COP Monday 30th November 2020