

INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



The secretariat of the International Seabed Authority is pleased to announce the availability of training opportunities for suitable candidates from developing countries. The availability of these new training opportunities follow the approval of four new exploration contracts by the Council of the International Seabed Authority in July 2011. These training opportunities fall into three broad categories:

1. **At-sea training on board contractor vessels.** It is expected that successful candidates will learn sampling techniques and analysis. Trainees may be exposed to different substantive areas, e.g. oceanographic, environmental, geological or geophysical activities, depending on the research cruise they may be assigned to. They may also receive training in report writing.
2. **Bursaries and fellowships** to allow the candidate to participate in scheduled or specific training programmes in order to advance his or her knowledge of topics relevant to marine mining and environmental protection. The exact selection and content of the courses will be determined based on the qualifications and requirements of selected candidates.
3. **Engineering training** to be carried out by the contractors in order to enable the successful candidate to advance engineering technology in their home country.



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The scope and financing of the training programme are subject to negotiation between the Contractor, the Authority and the sponsoring State or States.

It is expected that over 15 training opportunities will become available over the next few years, starting in 2012, but the exact number and duration of training programmes has yet to be finalized, with the time period for each training being anywhere from weeks to months. Member States are encouraged to disseminate this information to prospective candidates and any other interested parties. Prospective trainees are requested to register their interest by email to trgopps@isa.org.jm attach a covering letter identifying which training programme they are interested in and give information on their availability until 2015.

Expressions of interest should be accompanied by an up-to-date curriculum vitae and also ensure the following information is contained:

- Name, age, email address and contact number;
- Details of educational qualification;
- Current position; and
- Area of interest.



Candidates will need to be in good physical health and hold a relevant bachelors/master's degree or similar educational qualification. Depending on the opportunity, candidates may also be required to sign a confidentiality agreement.