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IHO-IOC-NIPPON FOUNDATION - GEBCO TRAINING PROGRAMME

Call for Applications for the 15th Graduate Certificate Course in Ocean Bathymetry

Dear Hydrographer,

1. This Circular Letter is to advise Member States that nominations are being sought for the 15th course of the IHO-IOC-Nippon Foundation GEBCO Training Programme leading to a Graduate Certificate in Ocean Bathymetry at the University of New Hampshire, USA. The 15th course will begin in late August 2018 subject to funding, to be confirmed end of March 2018, by the Nippon Foundation.
2. The course structure consists of an intensive 12-month period of lectures, practical laboratory and on-the-water projects, secondments to relevant laboratories and cruises on research or survey ships. In addition to the teaching staff from the university, visiting experts will present specialist lectures. The course syllabus includes acoustics, positioning, satellite altimetry, sonar performance, survey design, and uncertainty management, geology, margin and abyssal sediments, bottom composition and acoustic backscatter, structure of ocean basins, physical oceanography, data analysis and integration and surface interpolation. Students can also select additional courses from a range of electives.
3. The language of instruction is English, and candidates must demonstrate the capability to undertake graduate level studies in English to the satisfaction of the University of New Hampshire. Candidates should be aware that this is an intensive course, even for students whose first language is English.
4. The minimum academic standard for admission is a four-year Bachelor's degree in a related field.
5. Member States are invited to consider nominating suitable candidates for the Graduate Certificate Course in Ocean Bathymetry from among their nationals. Nominating authorities should consider:
 - a. The level and subject of degree (s) held by nominee.
 - b. Previous experience in ocean bathymetry.
 - c. Nominee's ability in English.
 - d. Future opportunities to work on bathymetric projects and the likelihood of the nominee continuing to work in related subjects.
 - e. Personal motivation.
6. A description of the current course, eligibility for entry, financial details, schedule, course content, contact information and a downloadable application form are available at:

http://www.gebco.net/training/training_project/

7. Applications must be received **by the end of March 2018**.

On behalf of the Secretary-General
Yours sincerely,

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Director