

IODP MEMBERSHIP PRINCIPLES

1. Membership in the IODP is available to government and/or national agencies (or their representatives), which have an interest and capability in geoscience research.
2. Membership will be secured through signing of a memorandum of understanding between the government and/or national agency (or representative) and the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) and the National Science Foundation (NSF).
3. Lead Agencies of the IODP, (presently MEXT and NSF), will have equal membership rights and responsibilities. Lead agencies will contribute core capabilities to the Program. Lead agencies will contribute equally to total Program costs.
4. An IODP Council will provide governmental oversight for all IODP activity. All countries, as well as member organizations representing countries, participating in the IODP will be represented on the Council.
5. Members will have the right to: (1) participate in all drilling cruises, (2) be represented on all planning and advisory panels, (3) be represented on IWG or its successor, (4) have access to data, samples, scientific and technical results. (5) Submit proposals to the advisory structure for drilling or engineering developments in support of IODP science, (6) etc.
6. Members will have the responsibility to: (1) actively participate in all aspects of the IODP, (2) ensure publication and sharing of scientific results, (3) participate in providing data and proposals for planning of drilling programs, (4) etc.
7. Based on present projection of total annual Program costs (\$130-140M) for a two drilling vessel program, the financial contribution for membership in the IODP will be \$5 million/year. Financial contributions from international partners will be commingled to support science operations costs. This contribution will entitle a member to one participation unit, with one participation unit equivalent to one member per panel and two scientific participants per "cruise leg," or equivalent. More than two participants on a cruise leg may be acceptable as offset by reduced participation in other legs. A member may acquire additional participation units through a corresponding increase in financial contribution, and/or long-term provision of mission specific platforms. It is understood that the Lead Agencies will contribute equally to total Program cost and acquire additional participation units necessary to fully support the program. When the Program is established, associate membership status will be considered.
8. Membership will be based on a 10-year commitment, in principle, to IODP participation.