Use of vessels or boats in research project proposals

UNOLS
Ship time on a University-National Oceanographic Laboratory System Research Vessel is requested through the UNOLS Ship Time Request System. The individual operating institutions compose their annual ship schedules. Once the schedules are approved by the federal agencies the individual institutions submit their annual operating proposals to the agencies. The ship schedules for the Scripps fleet are composed by the SIO Ship Scheduler, E. Brenner. The SOMTS business office submits the ship operating proposals.

To request ship time for an NSF or ONR project proposal, submit a request following the instructions found here: https://scripps.ucsd.edu/ships/planning

If you plan to use a UNOLS vessel you are required to include a UNOLS ship time request with your proposal to all federal and non federal agencies. The NSF ship and technician expense will be paid directly to the operating institution by the NSF Oceanographic Centers, Facilities and Equipment division. Similarly, the Naval Oceanographic Research Facilities will pay the operating institution directly for the ship and technician expense.

For proposals to other Federal and non-Federal sponsors the cost of the shiptime must be included in budgets being proposed. The proposal preparer should double check the rates before finalizing the proposal budget, as they do change from time to time. There are two types of rates – Provisional and Fixed – the Fixed rate is typically used for non-ONR/NSF proposals. Rates should be obtained from the SIO Ship Scheduling Office.

If use of a UNOLS vessel for any project proposals funded by industry (directly or flow through) is contemplated, the PI and Department should have a conversation with the ship operator early on.

UC Ship Funds
Funds for students, postdoctoral researchers and early career faculty to pursue research and instruction at sea aboard Scripps ships are available through an annual competitive proposal process. Project proposals to outside sponsors should not assume that all UC Ship Fund proposals will be awarded and the language used in any extramural research proposals should make it clear whether their particular UC Ship Fund proposal has been selected or whether it has not yet been selected or submitted. https://scripps.ucsd.edu/ships/uc-ship-funds-program

Scripps/UCSD Owned Small Boats & small boats utilized under the auspices of UCSD
The Division or project owning the boat is responsible for insurance and obtaining Small Boat Training for those using it. Inspection of small boats is the responsibility of the Scripps Scientific Diving Program. Information is here: https://scripps.ucsd.edu/scidive/small-boating-safety-training
Chartering Larger Vessels (35 ft)
Purchasing handles these transactions. The Contract and Grant Officer reviewing a research project proposing such a charter will expect to see details in the budget justification or other documents provided as part of the application. Note that inspection of such vessels is required.
http://blink.ucsd.edu/buy-pay/goods/charter-vessel/

Getting on someone else’s boat
Researchers are sometimes invited on other’s vessels or boats as part of a collaborative research project. The researcher should consult with either the Scripps Ship Scheduler or the Scientific Diving program when planning the proposal to ensure that there are no constraints or concerns with the arrangement.

Sometimes, “free” shiptime is offered by a non-profit organization. Please contact the Scripps Contract and Grant Office immediately if you are contemplating this type of opportunity.