

USCG Pacific Area and USCGC *Healy* are seeking science proposals for an underway opportunity between August and September. **Proposals are due by COB 08 May 2026.**

Limitations:

- Project personnel must be able to load and set up any equipment and supplies 23-26 June in Seattle.
- Healy will occasionally be in open water but will be operating primarily in the marginal ice zone and as much as 10/10th ice coverage.
- Operations may be conducted at all Arctic latitudes, generally bound by 168° 58' 37" W and 150° 00' 00" W.
- There is limited opportunity for directed science operations. CTD casts (without water collection) are preferred but ice stations, AUV/ROVs, etc. will also be considered. Time and location cannot be guaranteed so requests should be scalable in quantity and flexible in location.
- Proposals that do not require embarked personnel are preferred. Requests to embark will be considered but personnel should be prepared to remain onboard for up to 60 days.
- Associated Costs:
 - Meals while onboard if applicable.
 - Travel to and from Alaskan ports which may include Dutch Harbor, Kodiak, or Seward if applicable.
 - The USCG will not collect ship time reimbursement, however, proposals that require the use of NSF-operated capabilities and STARC technicians will need to seek their authorization with Frank Rack at NSF: frack@nsf.gov.

Science operations may include but are not limited to:

- Passive instrumentation (data connection to shore available, but may be interrupted)
- CTD casts (without water collection preferred)
- Buoy deployments

- Seafloor mapping (a significant portion of the cruise is anticipated to be in various ice states, which will limit mapping opportunities)
- Hydrographic surveys
- Underway seawater sampling and data

Proposals must be submitted as an SME request for USCGC *Healy* at MFP.us by COB 08 May 2026.

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