Event Justification Letter

OSM has developed a brief “justification” letter for you to share with your academic institution, organization, or supervisor. Be sure to highlight the educational value, networking advantages, and opportunities about your science and what you are most excited about for the Ocean Sciences Meeting.

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Dear [Insert Name],

I am writing to request approval to attend the Ocean Sciences Meeting, taking place 22-27 February 2026 in Glasgow Scotland. This is a highly respected biennial global gathering that brings together researchers, policymakers and industry professionals.

My attendance at this scientific conference will allow me the opportunity to share my research on [INSERT RESEARCH TOPICS] and network with an estimated 6,000 total attendees from 60 countries, and more than 100 scientific organizations and oceanic-focused companies.

I plan to submit an abstract once the submission site opens in summer of 2025.

Attending this conference would provide invaluable opportunities to share my research on [INSERT FIELD OF STUDY], connect with other researchers in my field and make new connections across the ocean sciences, as well as learn about the latest scientific advancements and policy developments to further the ocean sciences.

Because the Ocean Sciences Meeting is an Endorsed Decade Action program with the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development, and will be held outside the U.S. for the first time, I will have the opportunity to network with international experts and fellow professionals who have not traditionally been in my sphere, which will provide me with new insights and potential new collaborators for my research.

The OSM26 meeting program is designed to foster an inclusive scientific culture​ through:

* Connecting scientists from across the globe and with the broader conservation-focused community
* OSM’s status as an endorsed Decade Action program with the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development
* Multiple unique mentoring programs encouraging collaboration across career levels.
* Solution-focused content in a rapidly changing environment
* Learning from transformative leaders who have done groundbreaking research
* Partnerships with organizations and sectors to address scientific and societal challenges

Thank you for considering support of my attendance at the Ocean Sciences Meeting.

Regards,

[Insert Name]