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 submitted an abstract to be a {Speaker/Presenter/Panelists} at OSM24, held 18-23 February in New Orleans. My presentation topic is {Title} and will explore {Session Description}. The abstract submission period will be open from mid-July until September 13, 2023. This letter serves as an invitation for me to attend OSM24 and to request an expedited visa appointment if applicable.

The Ocean Sciences Meeting is the flagship conference for the ocean sciences and larger ocean-connected community. Every two years, the Ocean Sciences Meeting unifies the oceans community to share findings, connect scientists from around the world, and advance the impact of science. It convenes thousands of researchers, scientists, educators, students, policymakers, journalists, and communicators who are driven to uncover new research and work to share knowledge of our interconnected ocean, and to ensure its health for future generations. It is a results-oriented gathering rooted in celebrating and advancing positive individual and collective outcomes.

The OSM24 meeting program is designed to foster an inclusive scientific culture through:

* Connecting scientists from across the globe and with the broader conservation-focused community
* Providing attendees the opportunity to bridge disciplines, connect communities, and make lasting partnerships.
* 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
* Networking and community development
* Partnerships with other organizations and sectors to address scientific and societal challenges

Some of the presentations I hope to attend at OSM24 include {Sessions}, which will support my research and further my professional development. In addition, I will {Customize with personal goals/benefits}:

* Goal #1 {Learn}
* Goal #2 {Network}
* Goal #3 {Locate resources}

As part of my attendance request, I am providing my anticipated reimbursable in-person expenses for registration, airfare, ground transportation, meals, and hotel, with a detailed breakdown attached.

Thank you for considering support of my attendance at OSM24.

Regards,

[insert name]