

Position Title: Science Advisory Group Member/ Chair

Location: Remote

Programme: INSITE Research Programme

Contract Type: Fixed-term to September 2027

Start Date: 23rd May 2025

Remuneration: Daily rate £170 for members and £230 for Chair.

Deadline for Applications: 11th May 2025

Key Responsibilities:

- **Science Excellence:** Evaluate research proposals and outcomes based on scientific rigour and innovation, identifying and advising on excellence within the programme.
- **Independence:** Demonstrate and assess the science programme's independence, ensuring that research and scientific integrity are maintained throughout the programme's life.
- **Science Impact:** Offer insights into how the programme's research influences policy, industry practices, and future research in offshore decommissioning and marine ecosystems.
- **Expert Knowledge:** Contribute expert knowledge, independent of any personal institutional affiliations, on the challenges associated with offshore decommissioning, environmental factors associated with marine artificial structures and sustainable strategies for development.
- **Collaborative Working:** Collaborate with other SAG members and the research programme team to foster an inclusive and interdisciplinary approach to problem-solving.

Essential Criteria:

- Significant expertise in environmental and ecological issues associated with offshore structures, including oil and gas platforms, offshore wind farms, and shipwrecks.
- Demonstrable collaborative working and engagement with other experts and stakeholders to achieve programme goals.
- A strong record of producing high-quality, independent scientific work and a commitment to maintaining scientific integrity.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, including the ability to write clear and concise justifications of decisions.

Time commitment:

- Commissioning: Approx. 6 days per person over these two time periods for meetings and review of proposals; meetings **provisional w/b 23rd May** and **provisional w/b 26th June 2025**
 - Assessment and feedback for outline proposals (**provisional 26 May – 26 June 2025 2 days**)
 - Assessment and feedback for detailed proposals (**provisional 4 August – 11 September 2025 4 days**)
- Ongoing: Approx. 12 days per person for 6x bi-annual meetings and attending the INSITE annual conference; 10 days for final deliverables review across 3 projects.

Application Requirements:

To apply for this position, please submit the following documents:

1. **CV** detailing your relevant experience, expertise, and qualifications (**2 page plus publication list**)
2. **Cover Letter:** Please state whether you prefer the chair role, member role or either and your motivation for applying.
3. **Confirmation of Availability:** Please confirm your availability for the interview dates or nearby alternatives, and from May to September 2025 as this is the initial commissioning phase.
4. **Statement of any conflicts of interests**

Selection Process:

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to participate in a 30-minute video interview 12-21st May 2025 although there is some flexibility on those dates.

The Programme Directors will make the final appointment of Chair and Member roles to provide suitable coverage of the expertise needed, and best fit to the Role.

For further information, please contact Georgina@howellmarine.co.uk or Info@insitenorthsea.org