**NIPPON FOUNDATION / GEBCO TRAINING PROJECT**

**for 2025**

**Intake**

PRELIMINARY APPLICATION FORM

FOR A COURSE AT THE CENTER FOR COASTAL AND OCEAN MAPPING / JOINT HYDROGRAPHIC CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE, USA   
LEADING TO THE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN OCEAN MAPPING

There are three parts to the process of applying for this course. Completion of this form is the first part. **DO** **NOT** proceed to the second part unless asked to do so.

This application will be examined by GEBCO representatives and a short list of most promising candidates will be selected for the next stage, which is an interview. You will be informed whether you will be interviewed or not. The third part includes communicating with the applicant’s home organization to determine its commitment to ocean bathymetry and the support the candidate can expect upon returning home.

This application is designed to give GEBCO enough information to decide whether to consider you for the Certificate program or not. **DO NOT** send supporting records or documents at this time; if you are accepted by GEBCO, your documents will be required for subsequent application to the University of New Hampshire.

Minimum qualifications are a four year degree in a related discipline, and proof of capability to take graduate level courses in English. Potential applicants are advised that the candidates selected for the previous years’ programs all possessed more than these minimum qualifications and that the course is demanding. Your spoken English will be assessed by telephone. Your written English may be assessed by a writing assignment.

Fill out this Preliminary Application Form (expanding sections as required) and send it by email as an \*attached\* .docx file, to the Course Director:

[nfg\_project\_manager@ccom.unh.edu](mailto:nfg_project_manager@ccom.unh.edu) no later than 30 April 2025.

**Do NOT convert it into any other type of file. Do NOT send copies of diplomas and certificates at this time.**

Your application will be carefully reviewed by an international committee and the Course Director will either email you instructions for your interview, or explain that it does not seem practical for you to apply for the PCOB. Applications will be considered only for the Fall (Autumn) Term which begins in late August 2025.

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**Name in full** exactly as it appears in your passport (Surname in CAPS):

**Home Address:**

**E-Mail Address:**

**Phone No.:**

**Employer:**

**Current Position:**

**Business Address:**

**Citizenship:**

**Date of Birth** *(please format as date-month-year)***:**

**Age:**

**University Record.**

(List in chronological order, all colleges and universities attended).

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| **Degree** | **Major** | **Institution & Department** | **(Dates Attended)**  **mm/yy to mm/yy** |
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**Certificates, Diplomas, or Professional titles awarded**, as officially designated in country of issue:

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**Entrance Tests Taken** (It is **not mandatory** to have taken any entrance tests)

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**Capability in English:**

Provide evidence that your ability in English is sufficient to undertake a post-graduate program. This can include English being your mother tongue; English being your language of work, formal study of the English language (give dates, level and location): indicate the language spoken at home. Please be aware that the course is intense even for students whose first language is English.

**Curriculum Vitae:**

Be brief. Include current employment status. *Examiners will be looking for elements that will contribute to your success in this program while at the university and after you return to your home organization*.

(Use any format or attach a separate document if preferred).

**Personal Statement of Interest:**

Include a statement explaining your interest in bathymetric mapping of the ocean floor and what you intend to do after completion of the Certificate.

*This will be examined very closely*. (Use extra pages as required).

**Involvement of your home organization:**

Briefly describe your home organization’s role in ocean bathymetry. Provide its website address.

**How did you hear about the Nippon Foundation/GEBCO Training Program?**

**Any Other Comments**: (Elaborate on any item not fully explained above)

**Signature:**

**Date:**