



**National
Oceanography
Centre**

Marine Robotics Innovation Centre Partnership Guide



Through partnership with the Marine Robotics Innovation Centre your company can gain access to the wealth of knowledge, expertise and experience of scientists and engineers based at the National Oceanography Centre.

Our aim is to accelerate exploitation of UK investment in autonomous technology through collaborative solutions to solve the big challenges - and take advantage of the opportunities - in the ocean economy.

Value Proposition

The Marine Robotics Innovation Centre is building a collaborative community of technology developers and end-users from across industry and academia, to enable the advancement of technologies for sustainable and profitable operations in the ocean.

Through engagement with research programmes, targeted at joint industry and scientific challenges, the centre will develop, demonstrate and facilitate early adoption of novel technologies through two-way knowledge transfer. The centre co-ordinates an engaged community of end-users, regulators, funding bodies and other stakeholders to provide a focus for marine autonomous system development in the UK and wider international community.

Benefits to Partners

- Direct engagement with scientific end-user community for the early adoption of novel marine technology
- Opportunities to align technology roadmaps with funded research to advance and accelerate developments
- Increased visibility with end-users of marine technology
- Opportunities to collaborate with developers to provide a complete marine autonomous systems solution to tackle real world challenges
- Free access to hot desks and meeting rooms in the Marine Robotics Innovation Centre
- Access to world-leading scientific and technological expertise
- Access to cutting-edge facilities and equipment
- Discounted rates for access to wider NOC facilities (conference and seminar rooms, lecture theatre, etc)
- Discounted rates on central Southampton hotel accommodation



L3Harris and the NOC's ALR
on trial in Loch Ness with
Sonardyne navigation system



Control and Simulation Room
in the NOC, Southampton

Affiliate Partner

Aimed at encouraging the engagement of organisations that are not directly innovating for marine autonomous systems (MAS) but hold an interest in MAS innovation. We ask Affiliate Partners to commit to fully engage with the Innovation Centre through a number of methods, including workshop input, seminars, conferences, newsletters and to:

- Make the partnership aware of user requirements and set challenges
- Consult with the partnership to help raise awareness of funding opportunities that can be used to support MAS initiatives
- Provide focused access to their wider network and engage said networks to participate with the Innovation Centre Partners
- Explore opportunities to fund collaborative projects within the partnership, where there is funding available within their organisation, that are aligned with innovative solutions and could utilise MAS
- Provide levels of 'in kind' support for projects that the Innovation Centre develops – e.g. test facilities, equipment, personnel
- Play an active part in the Innovation Centre External Steering Group

Strategic Partner

Reserved for enterprises that are directly achieving innovation in marine technologies that can actively contribute to a marine autonomous system (MAS).

We ask Partners to commit to the following:

- Have a presence in the building at least 24 times a year (twice a month)
- Engage in / present at Innovation Centre events / workshops / seminars
- Provide content for the Innovation Centre newsletter and display screens
- Participate in and develop solutions to challenges set by Affiliate Partners





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