

MTS EMERGE Program Local Participation

The EMERGE program is designed to provide networking opportunities and foster professional skill development for students and early-career ocean professionals (ECOPs).

A core component of the EMERGE program is the pairing of each participant with a mentor. EMERGE mentors, as dedicated volunteers, play a pivotal role in guiding participants throughout the [OCEANS 2024 conference in Halifax, Canada](#), (September 23-26, 2024), facilitating the expansion of professional networks, and having constructive conversations to guide future endeavors.

The program encompasses virtual convenings, in-person engagement at the OCEANS 2024 Conference, and concludes with meaningful connections in the marine technology community.

LOCAL PARTICIPATION

As part of the EMERGE program, MTS sponsors ten (10) individuals from the local community to attend the OCEANS Conference by covering their registration expenses. The 2024 OCEANS conference is set to take place in Halifax, Canada, September 23-26, 2024.

Local participants will be teamed up with both a mentor and an EMERGE participant enrolled in MTS's year-long EMERGE program. Together, they will actively participate in the OCEANS Conference, fostering networking opportunities and meaningful engagement.

OVERVIEW OF ENGAGEMENT

- **Mentor Meeting (Virtual):** August 2024 | Local and yearlong cohort meet and interview their mentors.
- **Virtual Meet Up with Cohort (virtual)** Beginning September 2024 | Local and yearlong cohort meet to prepare for the upcoming Ocean conference and receive valuable insights, networking tips, and other business skills.
- **OCEANS 2024 Halifax (In person):** September 2024 | Experience the excitement of attending the OCEANS Conference in Halifax alongside your mentor and paired mentee.
- **Meet Up with Mentors (virtual):** October/November 2024 | Mentors, local participants, and the yearlong cohort come together virtually to reflect on the conference experience and strategize post-conference actions.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Early-Career Ocean Professionals (ECOPs) who are local to Halifax are invited to apply. ECOPs are defined as individuals within ten years of completing their last degree. [Click here to apply.](#)

Please note that MTS will cover the registration fees for selected ECOP applicants. However, we regret that we are unable to provide reimbursement for travel, accommodations, or meals.