



Global Ocean Acidification  
Observing Network

# Pier-2-Peer

GOA-ON  
Mentorship  
Program

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# About the Program

The Global Ocean Acidification Observing Network (GOA-ON) relies on international collaboration to share data and understand the global ecological impacts of ocean acidification (OA). As an international organization, GOA-ON is committed to promoting diversity across discipline, countries, socioeconomic status, gender and ethnicity. This year, the 3rd GOA-ON Science Workshop will have participation from over 40 countries and many new members are expected to attend. GOA-ON's new members represent diverse backgrounds and a demonstrated commitment to the program's mission.

To support diversity of membership and international collaboration, GOA-ON is launching **Pier-2-Peer**, a scientific mentorship program that matches senior researchers with early career scientist to provide professional guidance and technical support. The **Pier-2-Peer** mentorship program can be integral in helping GOA-ON achieve global observing capabilities and ultimately to diversify and advance the program mission.

GOA-ON is seeking senior members and returning workshop participants to serve as **Pier-2-Peer Mentors** for new members during the 2016 Science Workshop in Hobart, Australia. This program draws largely from other established conference mentorship programs such as Ecology Society of America, the Association of Limnology and Oceanography, as well as guidelines from Georgetown University.

## Who is a Pier-2-Peer Mentor?

Returning GOA-ON participants and senior scientists are encouraged to become mentors. If you are matched with a new member, your primary role as a **Pier-2-Peer** Science mentor will be to provide support to the new member, to share your personal experiences in the field of OA observing, and to serve as a resource for professional development in the new scientists. You will share your advice, introduce them to others, help explain research being presented, and be a familiar face among the crowd. A **Pier-2-Peer** Science mentor should be active and engaged in ocean acidification research while at the same time sensitive to the non-traditional views of science that some students may bring to the meeting.

## Who is a Pier-2-Peer Mentee?

New GOA-ON members, students, and early-career scientists are eligible to be assigned a **Pier-2-Peer** Science Mentor. OA observation is fundamentally benefited from having international cooperation. The success of GOA-ON relies on the participation of scientists from across the globe with broad perspectives on local and regional impacts to guide future research initiatives and foster a holistic understanding research needs. **Pier-2-Peer** is designed to build community

among the entire GOA-ON cohort and within new member groups and to provide support for new members during the workshop and in the future.

# At the 3<sup>rd</sup> GOA-ON Workshop

## Pre-Workshop

To sign-up to become a **Pier-2-Peer** member simply follow the links below and complete the registration form:

To become a Pier-2-Peer Mentor:

<https://docs.google.com/a/noaa.gov/forms/d/1gHafZHRF2kfnFdoldvsHEtOQGyQZ2dJTQ8yDpIGktuY/viewform>

To become a Pier-2-Peer Mentee:

<https://docs.google.com/a/noaa.gov/forms/d/19INhZ6hNDvomBloJHoPerjP7wnv-jaeX-Eu-IPJVZWI/viewform>

You can also register by emailing [alex.harper@noaa.gov](mailto:alex.harper@noaa.gov). Please be sure to include:

- 1) Name
- 2) Country
- 3) Expertise
- 4) Your desired designation (ie “I would like to serve as a mentor” or “I would like to be provided with a mentor”)

Participants will also have an opportunity to sign-up for the mentorship program in person during the workshop although early registration is encouraged.

## At the Workshop

On Monday, 09 May 2016, at 6 p.m., all new GOA-ON members are encouraged to participate in the **NEW MEMBER SHOWCASE**. New members are asked to give a brief (3 minute) introductory presentation telling the group a little about their background and area of scientific interest. The showcase will help senior GOA-ON members get aquatinted with new members and potentially serve to facilitate additional mentorships and community building. All participants are encouraged to attend the **POSTER SESSION** to learn more about the research being pursued by other GOA-ON members.

On Tuesday, 10 May 2016, **Pier-2-Peer** matches are encouraged to spend time together during the morning coffee and tea break.

## After the Workshop

We will ask you to complete a brief evaluation at the conclusion of the meeting. We encourage continued communication between mentors/mentees. We hope that the GOA-ON Workshop can serve as the foundation for lasting professional relationships.

## Mentorship Sign-up

Registration for the Pier-2-Peer program is now available for prospective mentors and mentees. To register as a [mentor](#) or [mentee](#) prior to the 3rd GOA-ON Workshop, simply follow the links provided or contact Alex Harper at [alex.harper@noaa.gov](mailto:alex.harper@noaa.gov). Interested participants are encouraged to sign-up early to allow for matching prior to the meeting. However, GOA-ON participants will be able to sign-up to become a Pier-2-Peer member during the 3rd GOA-ON Workshop.