



The Center for Ocean Science Education Excellence (COSEE) Florida invites your classroom to participate in the Ocean 180 Video Challenge, a nationwide video contest designed to encourage ocean scientists to share their discoveries and excitement for research with students and the public. From October 15- December 6, 2013, middle school classrooms are welcome to register as judges for the 2014 Video Challenge.

This fall, ocean scientists will submit 180 second videos highlighting the importance of their research and summarizing their findings. Middle school students, the target audience, will play a key role in determining the winners. The top 10 video abstracts will be viewed by 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students in registered middle school classrooms throughout the world and will select the top three videos. Judging by registered classrooms will take place from January 3- February 1st, 2014.

Teachers who participate in Ocean 180 are encouraged to use material in submitted videos to expand on their science curriculum and explore careers in ocean science. Much of the material in submitted videos can be applied in addressing [Ocean Literacy Principles](#). Ocean 180 will provide information on how to vote once registration has closed.

### **How can I register my classroom?**

Please visit [ocean180.org](http://ocean180.org) and submit a registration form. You will be notified within 2 business days to confirm your registration.

### **Why register your class?**

By participating in Oceans 180 Video Challenge, you have the opportunity to bring research and scientists into your class. Ocean 180 aims to provide educational opportunities for middle school students across the US by exposing them to ocean science research through film. We hope participation opens a new dialogue in your classroom and brings a different perspective on ocean science to you and your students.

### **What is required of registered classrooms?**

All registered classrooms are asked to view and judge the top 10 three-minute videos. These may be watched all at once, or over the entire judging period (January 3-February 1, 2014). We will provide a standardized rubric for your students to use in judging the films. You may integrate the films into your classroom in any way you wish, but Ocean 180 only requires your classrooms to view and judge the top 10 entries.

## **About Ocean 180**

Ocean 180 Video Challenge aims to engage non-scientists and students in timely and relevant ocean science research while inspiring scientists to effectively share their discoveries and explorations with the public. Ocean 180 was created to broaden the reach of scientific knowledge, providing educational opportunities for students and enhancing the communication skills of ocean scientists.

## **Questions?**

Please visit [ocean180.org](http://ocean180.org) for a full list of rules and guidelines, entry forms, and more information about the Ocean 180 Video Challenge. You may also contact [teacher@ocean180.org](mailto:teacher@ocean180.org) directly with questions.

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