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Shatsky Rise Oceanic Plateau Formation Expedition

IODP is currently accepting applications for scientific participants for the Shatsky Rise Oceanic Plateau Formation Expedition. This drilling program (4 Sept. – 4 Nov. 2009) is based on IODP Proposal 654-Full2 and will investigate the age, sources, and evolution of Shatsky Rise in the northwest Pacific Ocean to test the plume head versus plate-tectonic hypotheses of ocean plateau formation. The detailed science objectives of this expedition are described in Proposal 654-Full2, available online at **http://iodp.tamu.edu/scienceops/expeditions/shatsky_rise.html**

Prospective participants should apply to their respective IODP Program Member Offices (see **www.iodp.org/program-member-offices**) by the APPLICATION DEADLINE: **9 January 2009**. IODP Program Member Offices will forward applications of nominated scientists to the United States Implementing Organization (USIO), which is responsible for staffing this expedition. The USIO will work closely with the expedition co-chief scientists and Program Member Offices to maximize the scientific output while balancing member country staffing quotas. For more information, visit **www.iodp.org**.

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