A global capacity-building initiative.

The ongoing success of GEBCO, and its global and regional-scale bathymetric products, depends on the participation and passion of this volunteer community.

GEBCO designed this unique PCOB program to train and educate a new generation of scientists and hydrographers in ocean bathymetry (http://www.gebco.net/training/training_project/).

This training is funded by the Nippon Foundation of Japan (www.nippon-foundation.or.jp/en/) and taught at the Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping / Joint Hydrographic Center at the University of New Hampshire, USA (http://ccom.unh.edu/)

The aim of this program is to build a global network of young ocean mappers, who can use the skills, knowledge and network of contacts they acquired during their training to build capacity within their own country and to keep the Nippon Foundation / GEBCO community growing. This will ensure that a new generation of ocean mappers will continue to build on our knowledge of the world’s oceans.

Nippon Foundation / GEBCO Alumni Distribution

66 scientists and hydrographers from 32 Coastal States trained to date

Selection Process

The prerequisites of GEBCO and the Nippon Foundation is that prospective students must have a passion for the ocean. An involvement in the ocean and a desire to build capacity in their home country on the completion of the training program is essential, with applicants aspirations supported by their home organization. Applicants also must have meet UNH graduate school requirements, having a four year degree in an applicable field and sufficient capability in English.