



## Recommendations: How to get researchers to recognize your field station

Too often researchers who use field station (FS) resources while collecting or analyzing data do not acknowledge the station or laboratory in their products. This omission makes it difficult for stations to receive credit for their contribution to the research. Raising the visibility of FSMLs puts them in a better position to benefit from and leverage their work to attract new researchers, justify inclusion in grant proposal budgets, and to track how place-based data are used and reported.

The following recommendations are designed to help FSMLs get the recognition they need to continue fulfilling their mission.

### ***Recommendation 1: Make field station recognition a requirement for researchers that use the station***

Researchers who come to your station should be made aware that they need to recognize the field station in all relevant research products: journal articles, conference papers, blogs, posters, data file metadata, etc. This could be mentioned in any registration process or welcome email sent to researchers before they visit.

### ***Recommendation 2: Field stations should determine if researchers should become an affiliate***

It may be appropriate for researchers to officially become affiliated with the field station. If they do become an affiliate, the station should be listed as one of the researcher's institutions in addition to their home university, school, or supporting institution. Stations should consider listing the researcher on their website and in return, the researcher should list the station as one of their institutions.

### ***Recommendation 3: Ask for copies of any final products (posters, papers, etc.)***

Field stations may want to request that final copies of research products be shared with the station for internal record keeping and calculation of research output at the station.

#### ***Suggested text for recommendations 1 through 3:***

For any type of publication (blog, journal article, conference paper, etc), poster, or image using data collected at [FIELD STATION NAME], the author(s) should include [FIELD STATION NAME] in the Methods section; For any type of Meeting or



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Conference abstract whereby the abstract is the only text published, the author(s) should include [FIELD STATION NAME] in the abstract. When feasible, [FIELD STATION NAME] should be included in the abstract of any other type of deliverable or product. If appropriate the author(s) should include [FIELD STATION NAME] as one of their affiliated institutions.

In addition, please send a copy of all deliverables, including publications, posters, podcasts, videos, and any other material that references the field station, to [Field Station Name]. The author(s) may include attributions and credits as well as limitations on their use and distribution.

### **Recommendation 4: Make your field station logo accessible**

Presentations and posters should use the field station logo when appropriate.

#### ***Suggested text for recommendation 4:***

To access a high resolution logo please contact: [FIELD STATION CONTACT] or download it from here [provide a link to a high rez logo].

### **Recommendation 5: Review Manuscripts/Deliverables**

Field stations may want to request that drafts of manuscripts / deliverables be shared with the station representative on a confidential basis before submission in order to ensure the accuracy of the information. This could be limited to any excerpts that include the field station's information.

### **Recommendation 6: Create a doi or ror for your station**

To create a **doi** for your field station visit:

<https://www.doi.org/the-identifier/what-is-a-doi/>

To create an **ror** (Research Organization Registry) link: <https://ror.org/>

The form to get an ror for your organization can be found here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdJYaMTCwS7muuTa-B\\_CnAtCSkKzt19IkirAKG4u7umH9Nosg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdJYaMTCwS7muuTa-B_CnAtCSkKzt19IkirAKG4u7umH9Nosg/viewform)

Reference: <https://ucnrs.org/reserve-doi/>



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### **Recommendation 7: OBFS Recognition**

If a field station is an OBFS member, the station (not field station users) should consider using the OBFS logo on their presentations and websites. This helps boost their field station status and commitment to the field station community.

#### *Suggested text for recommendation 7:*

These data are based on work done at [FIELD STATION NAME][, a member of the Organization of Biological Field Stations ([www.obfs.org](http://www.obfs.org)).]

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