

# New Polar Research Ship to be Built in UK



The UK Marine Industries Alliance has welcomed the government's announcement that the preferred bidder to build a GBP200 million polar research ship is a UK company. The successful bidder, Cammell Laird from Birkenhead, emerged from a strong international competition.

The new polar research ship, which will operate in both Antarctica and the Arctic, will be able to endure up to 60 days in sea-ice to enable scientists to gather more observations and data. The ship will be the first British-built polar research vessel with a heli-deck to open up new locations for science and will be one of the most sophisticated floating research laboratories operating in the Polar Regions.

Tonne for tonne, the UK will have the most advanced oceanographic research vessel fleet in the world. Robotic submarines and marine gliders will collect data on ocean conditions and marine biology and deliver it to scientists working in the ship's on-board laboratories.

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