

## Douglas Young

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Hi Doug,

It appears that I was confused about Nova Southeastern University's Halmos College of Natural Sciences and Oceanography qualification for the Project Experimental License that I applied for.

NSU's Computer Science program (including software engineering) awards both undergraduate and master's degrees. Although ABET accredited, it appears from the ABET website that only the undergrad program is ABET accredited. I had assumed that both were accredited but that appears not to be the case. I suspect that this is due to the Master's program being relatively new and may not be accredited yet.

My interpretation of the qualification for the license applied for is that the University must do graduate research and have ABET accreditation for a graduate program. NSU has ABET accreditation but after checking, it is only for an undergrad program.

If my interpretation is correct, I now think that our qualification should be as a research laboratory. Is it possible to modify the application or do we need to submit a new application?

Could you recommend how we should proceed based on the following facts:

- Nova Southeastern University (NSU) is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate's, baccalaureate, master's, educational specialist, doctoral, and professional degrees.
- NSU also has ABET accreditation for an undergrad computer science program but does not appear to have ABET accreditation for any graduate programs.
- NSU's Halmos College of Natural Sciences and Oceanography (CNSO) does post-graduate research and awards master's and doctoral degrees.
- CNSO has a contract with Navy Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) to provide oceanographic research support to the Navy Surface Warfare Center facility located adjacent to the CNSO campus in Dania, FL.
- The NAVSEA contract includes acquisition and operation of a modified X-band marine navigation radar to be located on the coast to measure ocean currents and sea state simultaneously with operation of various instruments in the ocean. The radar will be based on a type-accepted Sperry shipboard radar but with the horizontally polarized antenna replaced with a vertically polarized antenna and proprietary video processing and display.
- We originally expected that the radar would be located on the Navy facility at 8001 N. Ocean Dr. but after discussions with the Navy, it is advantageous to locate the radar at CNSO at 8000 N. Ocean Dr.
- The NAVSEA contract provides funding for operations through 2020 but we anticipate operating this or similar equipment in the future.

Please advise me which license is appropriate and how to proceed with the application.

Best regards,

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Submit evidence of your ABET accreditation.

The items indicated above must be submitted before processing can continue on the above referenced application. Failure to provide the requested information within 30 days of 01/17/2020 may result in application dismissal pursuant to Section 5.67 and forfeiture of the filing fee pursuant to Section 1.1108.

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